NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of a revision of an information collection received on 10/22/2003.

TITLE: Southeast Region Logbook Family of Forms

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION: APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0016

EXPIRATION DATE: 12/31/2006

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	63,849	14,086	0
New	93,840	13,084	0
Difference	29,991	-1,002	0
Program Chan	ge	1,220	0
Adjustment		-2,222	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

OMB Authorizing Official Title

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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

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Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. 1. Agency/Subagency originating request 2. OMB control number b. [] None 3. Type of information collection (*check one*) Type of review requested (check one) Regular submission a. [b. [Emergency - Approval requested by ____ a. [] New Collection Delegated b. [] Revision of a currently approved collection c. [] Extension of a currently approved collection 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [] Yes [] No d. [] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. [] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired 6. Requested expiration date f. [] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number a. [] Three years from approval date b. [] Other Specify: For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions 7. Title 8. Agency form number(s) (if applicable) 9. Keywords 10. Abstract 11. Affected public (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x") 12. Obligation to respond (check one) a. __Individuals or households d. ___Farms
b. __Business or other for-profite. ___Federal Government] Voluntary Business or other for-profite. Federal Government
Not-for-profit institutions f. State, Local or Tribal Government Required to obtain or retain benefits 1 Mandatory 13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of a. Number of respondents b. Total annual responses a. Total annualized capital/startup costs 1. Percentage of these responses b. Total annual costs (O&M) collected electronically c. Total annualized cost requested c. Total annual hours requested d. Current OMB inventory d. Current OMB inventory e. Difference e. Difference f. Explanation of difference f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change 1. Program change 2. Adjustment 2. Adjustment 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (check all that apply) 15. Purpose of information collection (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") a. [] Recordkeeping b. [] Third party disclosure] Reporting a. ___ Application for benefits Program planning or management 1. [] On occasion 2. [] Weekly Program evaluation f. Research 3. [] Monthly General purpose statistics g. Regulatory or compliance 4. [] Quarterly 5. [] Semi-annually 6. [] Annually 7. [] Biennially 8. [] Other (describe) 18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding 17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods the content of this submission) [] Yes [] No Phone:

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19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee Date

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Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)				
Signature				
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer				
Signature	Date			

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FEDERAL FISHERIES LOGBOOKS SOUTHEAST REGION FAMILY OF FORMS OMB NUMBER 00648-0016

A. JUSTIFICATION

Introduction

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has been delegated the authority and responsibility for stewardship of the living marine resources for the Nation. This authority was first granted in the Fishery Conservation and Management Act (FCMA) of 1976. The reauthorization of the FCMA in 1996 continued and in some ways extended this authority. Under this authority the Secretary of Commerce, and his designee the NMFS, has promulgated separate rules that require specific types of record keeping and data submissions. These data collection/submission regulations are intended to provide reliable and accurate information from the fishing industry and communities that support scientifically viable management actions to achieve the stewardship responsibilities.

Currently, there are 9 separate logbook forms that are included in this family of forms (0648-0016) and are actively being used by the NMFS to collect data from fishermen. It should be noted that several of the forms are used for multiple fisheries (regulations). For example, the data required by the South Atlantic snapper grouper, the shark, the migratory coastal pelagic and the Gulf reef fish management plans have been combined and are reported on a single form. In addition to the 9 forms, there are 3 forms that were included in this family, but are currently inactive and no reporting burden is associated with them. The 3 inactive forms are: (1) logbooks for charter boats, (2) logbook reporting for shrimp and (3) form used to report the harvest of octooral.

The 9 reporting forms in the logbook family of forms are:

- Headboat survey trip report
- Gulf of Mexico reef fish, South Atlantic snapper-grouper, and Mackerel logbook
- Cost-earnings by trip for vessels required to use the South Atlantic snapper-grouper and mackerel logbook
- Annual fixed cost survey for vessels required to use the South Atlantic snapper-grouper and mackerel logbook
- Supplemental discard form for use with the Gulf of Mexico reef fish, South Atlantic snapper-grouper, mackerel and shark logbook
- Wreckfish logbook form
- Golden crab logbook form
- Aquacultured live rock reporting form

Colombian Treaty Waters logbook form

A brief descriptions of the 9 actively used reporting forms follows.

Headboat Survey Trip Report

Fishing from headboats is considered recreational fishing; however, because this type of fishing represents a relatively small, but specialized sector of recreational fishing, it has not been included in the NOAA Fisheries' Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistical Survey (MRFSS). To collect catch and effort data from this fishery, a separate logbook program has been established in the Southeast Region. Total catch and participation estimates for all headboat fishing activity are made from the headboat survey. The need for good quality, representative CPUE and species composition data from this sector of the recreational fishery is the primary reason that this program was implemented.

NOAA Fisheries is a partner in two state-federal cooperative data collection programs. One program, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP), covers the Atlantic coast and the other program, the Fisheries Information Network (FIN), covers the fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. A goal of both programs is to standardize and improve collection of data in both regions (the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico).

In 2001, a pilot study was conducted in South Carolina, to compare two methodologies to collect catch and fishing effort data from the for-hire sector. The pilot study indicated that the survey methodology would provide accurate estimates of catch and fishing effort, and was less burdensome to the industry, but produced imprecise estimates of fishing effort for the headboat fleet. Although the trip reports provided more precise estimates for the headboat fishery, the FIN Committee and the ACCSP Coordinating Council decided to endorse the survey methodology. The Committee and Council reasoned that the trip reports provided precise estimates because the trip reports were mandatory in South Carolina. Trip reports were not mandatory in other states, and the process to obtain legislation requiring mandatory reporting in all states, could take years.

Trip reports, collected as part of the Headboat Survey, NOAA Fisheries, Southeast Fisheries Science Center (i.e., the collection instrument in 0648-0016), have been used to collect catch and fishing effort data from the headboat portion of the for-hire sector for the past 32 years. These trip report data have been extremely valuable in stock assessments of reef fishes and pelagic species in the southeast region (North Carolina through Texas). However, the Headboat Survey trip reporting form did not include information on arrival time, distance from shore, pay type, number of anglers who fished, the numbers of fish released alive and the numbers of fish released dead. These additional fields are needed to compare the reported catch and fishing effort data from the Headboat Survey with estimates of catch and fishing effort produced using the survey methodology.

If the survey, conducted by the NOAA Fisheries Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey, can produce precise and accurate estimates for the headboat fishery, then the Headboat Survey Trip Reports will be discontinued. Approximately three years of comparisons will be needed to benchmark the differences in the two methodologies.

<u>Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish, South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper, Coastal Migratory Pelagic</u> (Mackerels)

The program to collect logbook data in the Gulf of Mexico was initiated in April 1990. The purpose of the program is to provide critically needed data on individual fishing trips for species in this important management unit. The diversity of gear in this fishery (i.e., longline, hook and line, traps, spears, and buoy) and the variety of species increases the need to have detailed CPUE and species composition data. Furthermore, because species in this management unit are not migratory, it is important that detailed information on the CPUE and species composition are collected by area so assessments can be made for major reef complexes to determine how fishing effort is affecting these complexes over time.

This logbook program only includes fishermen that have been issued a Federal vessel permit and are required to sell their catches to established (permitted) seafood dealers. Consequently, for-hire recreational fishermen do not submit logbooks for the Gulf reef fish fishery (see the description for the for-hire headboat catch reports above).

The logbook program for the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery was initiated in January 1992. The purpose of this program, like the Gulf reef fish program, is to collect data on fishing effort, catch per unit effort and species composition. The snapper-grouper fishery is similar to the fishery for reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico; consequently the logbook forms that are used for the two fisheries are the same.

Although sharks are part of the Highly Migratory Species fishery management plan and the reporting burden for these species are covered by 0648-0371, the fishing operations for large and small coastal sharks are very similar to the fishing methods for Gulf reef fish and South Atlantic snapper-grouper species. Thus, the snapper-grouper, reef fish, mackerel forms include space for fishermen to report the catch, effort and area of catch for large/small coastal sharks.

Like the fisheries in 0648-0016, the purpose of the logbook program for king and Spanish mackerel is to collect catch, effort and area for this fishery in both the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic. The assessments for king and Spanish mackerel will be improved with the availability of this CPUE data. There are other species in this fishery management plan; however, logbook reporting for these species are not required at this time.

Wreckfish

The wreckfish fishery is part of the South Atlantic snapper-group management unit, but because there were concerns about the status of the wreckfish stock, specific management

measures were implemented to collect data from vessels that harvest this species. Although separate logbooks are used for this fishery, they require the basic CPUE and fishing location data as the other logbooks in the family. The reason for using different logbooks is to make it simpler for the fishermen to provide the required information.

Cost-earnings data for snapper-grouper and mackerel trips

The purpose of this data collection is to provide economic information about commercial fishermen in the Atlantic snapper-grouper and mackerel fisheries in Federal waters off the coasts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and eastern Florida, including the Florida Keys. The reporting form requests information about operating costs associated with the individual fishing trips. The intent is to use the cost information associated with the effort data for individual trips to better understand how the cost of fishing varies with changes in fishing effort. With a better (quantitative) understanding of these relationships, the NMFS can provide better estimates of the potential impacts of management regulations as they affect fishing effort.

Annual fixed cost survey for snapper-grouper and mackerel vessels

This survey is associated with the cost-earnings data collection. The purpose of this data collection is to provide information on the annual fixed costs (i.e., expenditures that are made infrequently throughout the year or only once per year) incurred by the commercial fishermen in the Atlantic snapper-grouper and mackerel fisheries in Federal waters off the coasts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and eastern Florida, including the Florida Keys. The survey instrument is sent to the same fishermen that are required to report their cost data for each trip.

Supplemental discard reporting

This form was developed and initiated in August 2001, as a supplemental form to the Gulf of Mexico reef fish, South Atlantic snapper-grouper, shark and mackerel logbook form. The purpose of this instrument is to have the fishermen record the species and numbers of discards that they had for each trip. The form also asks the fishermen to report any interactions with marine mammals, endangered species or sea birds that they incurred on each trip. The purpose of this data collection is to collect data on the types and numbers of animals (species) that fishermen in these coastal fisheries discard or in the case of endangered species and marine mammals interact with. This data collection is conducted as a supplement to the regular logbook reporting so that the catch, effort and area of fishing can be associated with the discards and/or interactions.

Golden Crab

Fisheries for this species of deep water crabs occur in both the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic. Logbook reporting requirements have been implemented at the request of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council under advice from their Advisory Panel. This logbook program is designed to collect the quantity of golden crab that are caught in designated

areas. The form is distinct from the other forms under Part 622 because lines of traps are used to catch these species and the amount of catch needs to be reported by line instead of an entire trip.

Aquacultured Live Rock

The purpose of this data collection is to collect information on the types and quantities of live rock that are harvested. Although these data are collected by some state fishery agencies (notably Florida), it is important to collect this information from harvesters with a Federal permit that are not from a state that requires regular reporting.

Colombian Treaty Waters

This Federal reporting requirement is part of the negotiated treaty with Colombia that permits U.S. vessel to fish in Colombian waters. Under that agreement, U.S. fishermen are required to submit a logbook to the NMFS for every trip that they make in Colombian waters. The NMFS forwards those forms to the Colombian Government for their use in monitoring the fishing activity in their waters.

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

The catch, effort and landings statistics that will be collected by the vessel logbooks are necessary to assure the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that sufficient data are collected to provide comprehensive and accurate data to estimate fishing mortality. Without these data a significant increase in the uncertainty of stock assessment analyses is likely to occur and the error bounds around the stock benchmarks, such as maximum sustainable yield, will be unacceptably large.

Another compelling reason for the NMFS' logbook program is to provide comprehensive, consistent catch and effort data throughout the entire Southeast Region (i.e., North Carolina to the Texas-Mexican border). As will be discussed in the response to #4, landings statistics by vessel and trip are collected by state trip ticket program. The logbook data are also collected at the trip level; however, because only some of the states in the SE Region have fully operational trip ticket programs, it is necessary for the NMFS to institute a comprehensive program that assures the collection of consistent CPUE data throughout the jurisdiction of the respective fishery management plans.

Overall the data collection for stock assessments are authorized as part of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act as amended. Specifically, the reporting and record keeping requirements for 0648-0016 are authorized in 50 CFR 622.5, Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. The authority for South Atlantic snapper-grouper, Gulf reef fish, king/Spanish mackerel, golden crab, and wreckfish are in section 622.5(a). The authority for the headboat catch report is in section 622.5(b). The authority for the octooral and live rock reporting is in section 622.5(d). The authority for the Colombian Waters Treaty is 300.124(b).

All vessels with permits required in 50 CFR 622.4 are considered for selection, but reporting is only required when the vessel is selected by the Science and Research Director, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service. For some of the reporting forms, all permit holders are selected, while for other forms statistical selections are made.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The information requested on logbooks is used by various offices of NMFS, Regional Fishery Management Council staff, the U.S. Coast Guard and state fishery agencies under contract to NMFS to develop, implement and monitor fishery management strategies. Analyses and summaries of logbook data are used by NMFS, the Regional Councils, the Departments of State and Commerce, OMB, the fishing industry, Congressional staff and the public to answer questions about the nature of the Nation's fishery resources. Information on endangered species or marine mammals and their incidental take is requested in those fisheries where such interaction are likely to occur. These data will help NMFS meet its requirements under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act. If reports of such occurrences are common, NMFS can minimize takes through the promulgation of regulations.

These data serve a variety of uses, such as: biological analyses and stock assessments; E.O. 12291 regulatory impact analyzes; quota and allocation selections and monitoring; economic profitability profiles; trade and import tariff decisions; allocations of grant funds among states; identify ecological interactions among species. The NMFS would be significantly hindered in its ability to fulfill the majority of its scientific research and fishery management missions without these data.

The logbook family of forms has evolved as a means of collecting data from specific user groups within fisheries that are managed under Federally implemented fishery management plans (FMP). The Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) has the responsibility for both preparation of stock assessments (estimation of maximum sustainable yield and/or other indexes of biomass) and collection of the scientific data that are required to perform the assessments. A secondary data collection responsibility is to provide information that is necessary to routinely monitor and evaluate the conditions in the fisheries under Federal management.

Similar data elements are required for most of the logbooks in this family, although a few variables may be specific to one fishery or type of management technique controlling harvest.

a) Information such as name and address of operator and owner is used to identify the respondent and the legal entity controlling the fishing practices of the vessel. This latter requirement is essential in monitoring the compliance of the reporting requirement, where revocation of the operator's permit or fines are involved. Because many vessels are owned by corporations, identification of owner and operator on the logbook form allows NMFS to sanction

the company as well as the individual vessel operator as necessary or required by the regulations. Information on the permit is obviously essential to monitoring reporting compliance.

- b) Data on date of departure, date returned, days fished, duration of tows or sets, units of gear and mesh size used are all designed to quantify actual fishing effort. Fishing effort is needed to standardize differences in productivity among vessels or fishing grounds by establishing a rate catch per unit time. These data allow comparisons over time, area and gear type of catches made by a variety of harvesters. Comparisons of catch and catch per unit effort (CPUE) over time are significant indicators of the biological status of the fisheries. Declining CPUE, especially if data on fishing effort are sufficiently detailed to adjust for changes in effort, can provide critical information on the status of the stock, i.e., that the level of harvest is beyond the level that is sustainable by growth and reproduction of the stock.
- c) Area fished, loran bearing, depth of fishing, latitude and longitude are variables that are used to establish fishing locations. This information can be related to other oceanographic and biological information to predict species availability and likely future abundance. For example, location of capture can be correlated to sea surface temperature measured by satellite to predict possible migration patterns. In addition, area or zone fished is used to cross reference locations where fishing is not permissible (such as closed spawning areas).
- d) Species information such as landings, discards and sizes of fish is the basic measure of fishing success, from which fishermen, biologists and economists infer conclusions about the status of the fishery. Landings information is also needed because controlling the quantity of fish harvested is often the means for ensuring that harvests can be replenished over time.
- e) Name of buyer, dealer number and port of landing are data used to cross reference the quantity of fish caught with the quantity that is handled (process) by the market. The important cross reference is between the total amount of catch, and the respective sizes of individual fish. It would be impossible for fishermen to measure individual fish as they are being caught and stored on board the vessels. However, many species of fish, especially the large pelagic species, are individually weighed by the dealers and these weights are recorded as part of the sales transactions. By knowing the dealer that purchased the fish, cross references can be made between data submitted by the dealers and the data from the logbooks. Combining the data in this manner provides greater precision on the CPUE estimates and more information on the sizes of catches by location and time.
- f). A separate form is required for many of the logbook reporting forms in 0648-0016 when a vessel does not fish during an entire calendar month. These "no-fishing" forms are necessary to assure the NMFS that the vessel did not fish instead of failing to report. The information on the no-fishing form is minimal i.e., only the vessel id., vessel name, the month in which the vessel did not fish and the permits that vessel has been issued (a check box is provided for ease of identifying the permits). The no-fishing forms are located in the back of the logbook booklets and are to be submitted via mail in the self-addressed, stamped envelopes provided by the NMFS. Because of the nature of the reporting, no-fishing reports are not required for the

headboat trip report, the live rock report, the annual fixed cost survey, the cost-earnings form (this information is included on the regular snapper-grouper, reef fish, mackerel and shark form) and the supplemental discard form.

As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NMFS and the respective state fishery agency retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measure and a predissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of the Public Law 106-554.

3. <u>Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology</u>.

Currently no electronic reporting is being utilized to report the detailed, trip level data for logbooks to the SEFSC. The SEFSC is investigating various methods of recording and reporting CPUE data from vessels. However, the large number of vessels involved in the affected fisheries and the cost per participant for the electronic and telecommunication equipment is too high to warrant use by fishermen. These costs significantly limit the options available for electronic reporting by vessels. The SEFSC will accept any data in an electronic format that can be easily read and inputted into the existing data base management system employed by the SEFSC.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The Magnuson Act's operational guidelines require each FMP to evaluate existing state and federal laws that govern the fisheries in question, and the findings are made part of each FMP. Each Fishery Management Council membership is comprised of state and federal officials responsible for resource management in their area. These two circumstances identify other collections that may be gathering the same or similar information. In addition, each FMP undergoes extensive public comment periods where potential applicants review the proposed permit application requirements. Therefore, NMFS is confident it is aware of similar collections if they exist.

Detailed information on CPUE, effort and species composition by gear and area are not available from other sources. Some states, notably Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and North Carolina, have programs to collect landings by species for individual fishing trips (i.e., operational trip ticket programs), but these programs do not include the detailed information on effort, location and effort that are required in the reporting requirements for this OMB request. Furthermore, these programs collect the data from seafood processors, and not fishermen, whereas, logbooks are submitted directly by the fishermen.

5. <u>If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe</u> the methods used to minimize burden.

Because all applicants are considered small businesses, separate requirements based on size of business have not been developed. Only the minimum data to meet the analytical needs of the SEFSC's assessment scientists are requested from all applicants.

6. <u>Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is</u> not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

The consequence of not having detailed CPUE and species composition data is to increase the uncertainty associated with the stock assessments that are the basis for sound management decisions. As with any statistical analysis, the confidence limits (bands) for specific points will be large if the variability in the data cannot be accounted for. With the availability of the logbook data the sample size for the various stratifications of gear and area are sufficiently large to reduce the uncertainty in the data to acceptable levels.

The logbook data also provide critical information on the type and amount of effort. Without these data, there is no way of knowing whether changes in total catch are due to changes in fishing effort or changes in the abundance of the resource, or both.

If the economic data (cost, earnings, and fixed cost) were collected less frequently or not at all, then economists would be less able to estimate the effects of regulations on financial performance or fishermen's expected reactions to additional regulations. Proposed regulations for the snapper-grouper and mackerel fisheries would continue to be debated with limited economic information. The Magnuson-Stevens Act and the Regulatory Flexibility Act require analyses of the economic effects of fisheries regulations.

The consequence of not having discard data is to increase the uncertainty associated with the stock assessments that are the basis for sound management decisions. Furthermore, data on discards are incomplete and consequently, it is difficult to determine whether discarding is a significant problem. Clearly, the data from observers in other fisheries, notably the pelagic longline fishery, show that discards are substantial and their occurrence is variable. Consequently, it is necessary to increase the collection of discard data.

For the Colombian catch and effort programs, the United States cannot meet its international commitments without the data from this programs.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

The reporting regulations require fishermen to submit completed logbooks for all trips or sets for several reasons. First, it is critical that these data be timely. For fisheries that are significantly overfished, it is important to monitor changes in fishing mortality. Second, the

renewal of Federal vessel permits is predicated on compliance with the reporting requirements, and timely data are needed to determine whether fishermen are complying on a regular basis. Third, quality control of the logbook data is better when the review and verification process is closer to the actual time that fishing occurred.

8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

Because these data collection programs are part of fishery management plans, all aspects of the programs have been reviewed by both statistical and constituent advisory committees. Furthermore, comments and suggestions from fishermen that are required to report, are routinely submitted and these are reviewed and considered. Experience with the various programs, some of which have been operating since 1981, provides a continual feedback mechanism to NMFS on issues and concerns to the applicants. There are no major problems that have not been resolved.

A Federal Register Notice (copy attached) solicited public comment on this collection. None was received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

There are no payments or other remunerations to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

All data collected via this family of forms are treated in accord with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Confidential Fisheries Statistics. Dealer reports are considered confidential under the Trade Secrets Act. In addition, landings statistics are considered to be in an entrepreneurial capacity and will be exempt from the Privacy Act concerns. It is the policy of the NMFS that confidential data are not to be released to non-authorized users, other than in aggregate form, as the Magnuson-Stevens Act protects (in perpetuity) the confidentiality of those submitting data. Whenever data are requested, the NMFS ensures that information identifying the pecuniary business activity of a particular vessel is not identified.

11. <u>Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.</u>

No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

To comply with the reporting requirements, fishermen are required to submit either a fishing log, where they report the catch, effort and area data, or a no-fishing log, where they state that they did not fish during the specified calendar month. The number of respondents, the estimated number of responses, the time per response and the total burden for fishing and no-fishing forms for each of the 9 fisheries for which logbook reporting is active and the 3 fisheries for which logbook reporting is inactive are presented in the following table:

	No. of	Number of responses, hr/response, total time (hours)					Total	
Fishery Resp	Resp't	Fishing	Hr/ response	Total Time	No- fishing	Hr/re- sponse	Total Time	Burden (Hours)
Headboat	177	12,196	0.300	3,659	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,659
Golden Crab	14	116	0.167	19	77	0.03	2	21
Reef fish - mackerel	3,697	49,217	0.167	7,217	26,000	0.03	780	7,997
Wreckfish	8	26	0.167	6	0	0	0	6
Colombian log	11	9	0.300	3	81	0.03	2	5
Live rock	40	65	0.250	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
Economic cost/trip	136	2,334	0.167	390	N/A	N/A	N/A	390
Annual fixed cost	250	250	0.500	125	N/A	N/A	N/A	125
Discard	450	3,469	0.250	867	N/A	N/A	N/A	867
Gulf Shrimp	0							0
Charter boat	0							0
Octocoral	0							0
Total	4,783	67,682		12,300	26,158		784	13,084

The number of respondents, responses and burden hours in the above table are based on the actual reporting activity for these fisheries during 2002, with the exception of the annual fixed cost survey, which will be conducted at the beginning of 2004.

There are 14,086 burden hours in the current OMB inventory for this family of forms (0016) and the estimated annual burden hours is 13,084. Thus, there is a decreased of 1,002 hours from the current inventory.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).

There are no anticipated costs beyond the opportunity cost of completing the logbook forms. The fishermen are provided with addressed, postage-paid envelopes that they use to return the completed forms.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

The annual cost to the Federal government is calculated from estimates of the total cost per form to process the logbook data. These estimates were made in the original SF-83 submissions, and include printing costs, labor for sight review and data entry, form development, and program management costs. Total cost to the Federal government is estimated to be \$347,000.00 per year.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

The principal cause of the difference between the OMB inventory of 14,086 burden hours and the estimated annual burden hours for 0648-0016 is the over-estimate in the numbers of respondents and burden hour for the two reporting activities that have been added since the renewal of 0016 in 2000. The estimated burden hours for the cost and earning data in the original submission was 1,400 hours, but based on the actual responses the burden hours for this activity is 515 hours (a reduction of 885 hours). Likewise, the burden hours for the supplemental discard reporting was estimated at 2,047 hours, but the actual response rates during 2002 only amounted to a reporting burden of 867 hours (a reduction of 1,180 hours). Thus, the difference between the estimated burden hours and the actual reporting burden for these two activities is an over-estimate of 2,065 hours, and so an adjustment is being made.

There are also adjustments of -2 hours for wreckfish logbooks and +1200 hours for reef fish-mackerel reporting. The number of responses has been re-estimated.

Two changes affect the estimate for the Headboat Survey trip report form. There was a -1,355 hour reduction as an adjustment from previous estimates. But there is also an estimated increase in the reporting burden of 1,220 hours (i.e., the estimated average reporting time per form is

estimated to increase by 6 minutes x 1,296 reports) because of additional questions. The total is a reduction of 135 hours.

These three changes result in a total decrease of 1,002 hours. This reflects -2,222 hours in adjustments and +1,220 hours in program changes.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

The results from this collection are not planned for statistical publication but will be used as empirical input to stock assessments, economic analyses, and other analyses of proposed or existing fishery management regulations prepared by the NMFS/SEFC.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

The OMB number will be displayed.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

There are no exceptions to Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS.

There are two data collection activities within 0648-0016 in which statistical sampling methods are used. They are; (1) the collection of cost and earnings data as an add-on to the snapper-grouper logbook and (2) the collection of discard data as a supplement to the reef fish/snapper-grouper logbook. The sampling methods for each of these two programs are discussed separately.

Cost and earnings data collection

1. <u>Describe the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used.</u>

The population of boats to be sampled was determined from logbook reports submitted to the NMFS during 2000. Commercial fishermen are required to submit a trip report within seven days after the completion of each snapper-grouper or mackerel trip. Fishermen who did not participate in either fishery during a given month are required to submit a 'no-fishing' report at the end of the month.

There were 1,250 boats that reported having taken at least one fishing trip in the snapper-grouper or mackerel fishery during 2000. Boats were classified by state of landing and primary gear fished as determined by a plurality of each boat's annual landings. About 70% of boats landed in Florida, 17% in North Carolina, 5% in South Carolina and fewer than 1% in Georgia. The dominant gears used in the fishery were vertical and trolling lines, which accounted for 80% of the boats in the fishery (Table 1) and 84% of the trips reported to the NMFS.

The method of sampling is a stratified random design, with sample sizes proportional to stratum size. Strata are defined as gear and state to generate the most useful information for analyses of potential future regulatory proposals. A 20% sample is selected from each stratum for a total of approximately 250 respondents (Table 1).

Table 1. Proposed sample sizes, by gear and state. Stratum sizes are presented in parentheses.

GEAR	NC	SC	GA	EAST FL	KEYS	TOTAL
VERTICAL LINES	18 (90)	9 (45)	2 (9)	38 (190)	71 (355)	138 (689)
TROLLING LINES	18 (89)	1 (5)	0 (0)	35 (173)	11 (54)	64 (321)
LONGLINES	3 (15)	1 (5)	0 (0)	6 (30)	2 (10)	12 (60)
NETS	3 (15)	0 (0)	0 (0)	11 (55)	3 (15)	17 (85)
TRAPS	5 (25)	3 (15)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	9 (45)
DIVING	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (30)	2 (10)	8 (40)
OTHER	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1 (5)	2 (10)
TOTAL	47 (234)	14 (70)	2 (9)	97 (483)	91 (454)	250 (1250)

2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection, the estimation procedure, the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification, any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures, and any specific use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

The cost and earnings data are collected on the same logbook form that the catch and effort data are reported. Fishermen who are not selected to submit economic information receive the existing logbook trip reporting form that does not request information about prices and trip costs.

Fishermen who are selected to report economic information receive the revised trip reporting form and will be instructed to submit economic information in addition to information about their catches and fishing effort.

A separate form to collect information about annual fixed costs will be mailed to selected fishermen in the spring of each year, with the timing established to take advantage of the availability of information about annual expenditures as recently compiled for end-of-year federal income tax purposes. Trip reports about routine harvesting costs and annual reports about fixed costs will be submitted to the NMFS/SEFSC logbook program in Miami, Florida.

Data will be used for descriptive and analytical purposes. Descriptive uses include the estimation of average harvesting costs per boat per trip and total harvesting costs for all boats and all trips in the sampling universe. The procedures for estimating average harvesting costs per trip and total harvesting costs expended by all boats in the sampling universe are based on equations available in statistical texts by Cochran and Thompson. Data may also be used to test for seasonality of average harvesting costs per trip. Analytical uses include evaluations of regulatory proposals.

3. <u>Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse.</u>

The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a specialized justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

Project staff obtained input on this proposed data collection program from commercial fishermen throughout the jurisdiction of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Input included fishermen's opinions about the types of information that they can provide with minimal burden, and the format for collecting data. Their input was used in the development of survey instruments so that they would be easier to complete, with questions revised for clarity and to obtain more accurate data.

4. <u>Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.</u>

The SEFSC evaluated the program during 2001 and made adjustments to the reporting form, instructions, database design, scanning and processing procedures, and the quality control procedures.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

James Waters, industry economist employed by the NMFS, identified the sampling universe to be studied and prepared the sampling design. Data will be collected in conjunction with the existing logbook data collection program, which is conducted from the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center in Miami, Florida. Data will be used primarily in analyses of proposed regulations by economists employed by the NMFS (e.g., Waters) and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Supplemental discard data

1. <u>Describe the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent</u> selection method to be used.

The universe is the number of vessels with active permits in the Gulf of Mexico reef fish, South Atlantic snapper-grouper, shark, king mackerel and Spanish mackerel fisheries. During calendar year 2001 there were 2,250 vessels with federal permits in these fisheries. Because data on discards and interactions with protected species requires that fishermen record the data during the trip, a sample of the entire universe will be used. A 20% sample was selected to reduce the burden of reporting these data such that fishermen will only be selected to report once every five years.

To assure that the sample is representative of the universe, a stratified procedure was employed. The universe of active vessels with Federal permits was stratified in 2 ways. First, it was divided geographically between the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic (which extends from the North Carolina-Virginia state line to the Florida Keys). The second stratum was the various types of gear, which are handline, longline, trolling, gill nets and traps (which will be combined into a single category). The following table (Table 2) provides the total number of vessels and the 20% selection for the above described strata.

Table 2. Vessels with permits in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

	Gulf	of Mexico	South Atlantic	
Gear types	Total	Sample	Total	Sample
Handline	878	176	811	162
Longline	115	23	35	7

Trolling	55	11	222	44
Nets/trap	50	10	84	17
Total	1,098	220	1,152	230

2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection, the estimation procedure, the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification, any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures, and any specific use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

The procedure for this collection activity is a stratified sampling with the stratification by geography and gear. A 20% random sample will be selected from each strata and these vessel owners and/or captains will be sent the supplemental discard form along with regular logbooks. The discard data reported by the 20% sample will be expanded by the number of trips in each strata.

There are no specialized sampling problems anticipated. It is necessary for those selected to report all discards and interaction data for every trip where they occur. Annual reporting will result in poorer quality data because fishermen will not be able to remember their fishing activity for that length of time.

3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a specialized justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

One of the reasons a sampling procedure is utilized is to provide additional report monitoring by SEFSC logbook staff. Consequently, the response rate and quality should be maximized by close interactions with fishermen.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.

Because of the large universe and the anticipated variation in reported discard or interaction data, it is not feasible to do a test with fewer than 10. However, interaction and feed back with the fishermen that are using the form will provide sufficient information about the form and collection procedures to make whatever adjustments are needed. Furthermore, analyzes of the data will provide information about the variations in the discard data to determine whether the strata and sample sizes are appropriate.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

The following Southeast Fisheries Science Center staff were consulted on the statistical aspects of this data collection activity:

Mr. James Zweifel, Survey Statistician (305)361-4268 Dr. Gerald Scott, Director, Sustainable Fisheries Division (305)361-4220

John Poffenberger, Group Leader, Fisheries Statistics Group, is responsible for the data collection activity.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Fishing Vessel Logbook Record Gulf Of Mexico Reef Fish South Atlantic Snapper - Grouper King and Spanish Mackerel Shark

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THIS REPORT IS MANDATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGING THE FISHERIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 ET. SEQ.). FAILURE TO REPORT OR FILING A FALSE REPORT MAY RESULT IN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS. SEE, E.G., 16 U.S.C. 1857, 1858, 1859; 18 U.S.C. 1001.

NAME OF VESSEL		
PERMIT NUMBER		

NOAA FORM 88-186 OMB NO. 0648-0016 Expires: 12/31/2006

2003 LOGBOOK TRIP REPORT FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read instructions carefully

This form is to be used to report fishing activity for Gulf of Mexico reef fish, South Atlantic snapper-grouper, king and Spanish mackerel and shark permits. Under current regulations, **ALL** fishermen are responsible for submitting a logbook for every fishing trip for the permits listed above.

All forms must be submitted no later than seven (7) days after the completion of each trip (the date of landing) or (7) days after the end of a month which you are reporting no fishing activity. Completed forms are to be mailed to:

National Marine Fisheries Service Logbook Program P.O. Box 491500 Key Biscayne, Florida 33149-9916

When additional forms or envelopes are needed include a note with a logbook submission. Include your name, address and your vessel identification number. If you have any questions, please contact the Logbook Program at (305) 361-4581.

Please print all requested information clearly. A form with incomplete or unclear information cannot be entered into the database and will be returned. This missing form may cause you to be out of compliance and your permit renewal denied.

The following instructions are for **fishing** forms:

You must fill out a separate form for EACH fishing trip made. DO NOT report multiple trips on one form. Do not submit more than one log for each fishing trip. All information for one fishing trip should be entered on one form. There are three sections for each form.

Vessel Section - Fill in each information block on each log as described below:

Captain's Signature - The person responsible for the operation of the vessel during the trip must sign the form to verify all information.

Vessel ID. Number - Enter the official US Coast Guard documentation number or state registration number for the vessel as it appears on the permit application.

Vessel Name - Enter the vessel name as it appears on the permit application.

Trip ticket number - Please include the trip ticket number from your state sales receipt (FL, GA, NC, LA).

Phone Number - Include a phone number where you can be reached.

Start Date - Enter the numerical date (month, day and year) when the vessel departed for the trip.

Unload Date - Enter the numerical date (month, day and year) when the catch was unloaded at a dealer. If the catch was unloaded at more than one dealer, enter the date when the catch was unloaded at the **first** dealer.

Days At Sea - Enter the number of days spent away from port. Include traveling time to and from fishing area. Count any fraction of a day as a whole day. If you left in the morning and returned any time before midnight, you would enter 1.

Number Of Crew - Enter the total number of people that fished during the trip. The captain is to be included in the number of crew.

County and State of Unloading - Enter the name of the county and the state where the fish from the trip were unloaded. Do not use code numbers.

Dealer Number - Enter the dealer code numbers if known

Dealer Name - Enter the complete name of the seafood dealer to whom you sold your catch. If the catch was unloaded at more than one dealer, enter the name of the **first** dealer where the catch was sold. If you kept the catch, write in PERSONAL USE. If there was no catch write in No CATCH.

Gear Section - Check the box in the header of each type of gear used: traps, longline, trolling, line, hook & line/bandit, diving, or other gear. Fill in ALL information blocks under each gear type you used.

Traps - This category includes fish traps or fish pots. This category does not include lobster or crab traps.

Traps Used - Enter the total number of traps that were used.

Hauls - Enter the total number of hauls made. For example, if you used 10 traps and pulled each trap 3 times, this would be 30 trap hauls. Include hauls with no catch.

Soak Time - Enter the total time in HOURS that the traps were in the water for the trip. For example, if you hauled 30 traps and each trap was in the water for 4 hours, then soak time would be 120 hours.

Mesh - Mesh size refers to the size of the openings in the material that covers the trap. Enter the mesh size in inches (a mesh size of 1 in. \times 2 in. should be entered as 1 \times 2, a mesh size of 1.5 in. \times 1.5 in. should be entered as 1.5 \times 1.5).

In the catch section, enter a **T** in the column labeled Gear next to each species where trap gear was used.

Longline - This gear refers to mid-water or bottom longline.

of Sets Made - Enter the number of times that this gear was set.

of Hooks/Line - Enter the average number of hooks used per line.

Line Length (miles) - Enter the average length in miles of the line used.

Total Soak Time (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that this gear was used. For example, if you made 4 sets and each set was 2 hours, then total time fished would be 8 hours.

In the catch section, enter a $\bf L$ in the column labeled Gear next to each species where trap gear was used.

Gill Nets - This gear is for runaround gill nets, etc.

Length - Enter the length of the net in yards.

Depth - Enter the depth of the net in yards.

Mesh - Enter the size of the net opening in **inches**. The size should be measured as the distance between two diagonal knots when the mesh is stretched fully closed.

Total Soak Time (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that this gear was used. For example, if you made 4 sets and each set was 2 hours, then total time fished would be 8 hours. For strike and run-around nets with soak times less then 1 hour please report 1. In the catch section, enter a **GN** in the column labeled Gear next to each species where gill nets were used.

Rod & Reel Handline - This gear includes rod & reel and handlines. This gear type is associated with fishing when the boat is **not moving** under its own power, but stationary (or drifting) over a fishing location.

of Lines - Enter the number of lines used.

of Hooks/Line - Enter the average number of hooks per line.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that the gear was in the water fishing.

In the catch section, enter a **H** in the column labeled Gear next to each species where handlines were used.

Electric Reel / Bandit - This gear includes bandits and electric reels. This gear type is associated with fishing when the boat is **not moving** under its own power, but stationary (or drifting) over a fishing location.

of Lines - Enter the number of lines used.

of Hooks/Line - Enter the average number of hooks per line.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that the gear was in the water fishing.

In the catch section, enter an E in the column labeled Gear next to each species where handlines were used.

Trolling Lines - These are lines that are used from a boat that is moving under its own engine power with the lines in the water trailing the boat.

of Lines - Enter the number of lines used.

of Hooks/Line - Enter the average number of hooks used per line.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that the gear was in the water fishing.

In the catch section, enter a **TR** in the column labeled Gear next to each species where trolling lines were used.

Diving - This gear includes speargun, gigs, powerhead or bangstick and hand caught while diving.

Type of Gear - Enter a **P** for gear with explosive devices (i.e., powerheads or bangsticks). Enter a **S** for gear without explosive devices (i.e., spearguns, gigs, or by hand).

Divers - Enter the total number of divers that were in the water.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that the divers were in the water.

In the catch section, enter a **S** or **P** in the column labeled Gear next to each species taken by divers.

Other Gear - This gear includes cast net, lobster pots, stone crab pots and any other type of gear. Please do not record bandits, electric reels, or rod & reels here (See Handline instructions).

Type of gear - Enter the name of the gear.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours this gear was used.

Catch Section - Catch is defined as the pounds of fish that were caught and sold. Space is provided at the bottom of the log for species not listed.

Gutted Column - Enter the amount of catch in pounds for each species sold in gutted form in this column.

Whole Column - Enter the amount of catch in pounds for each species sold in whole form in this column.

Gear Column - Enter gear code (T, L, GN, H, E, TR, S, P, or O) for the type of gear that caught the species in the Gear column. Gear codes are in the parentheses next to the type of gear in the GEAR SECTION.

Area Column - Enter the numeric code for the fishing area where the majority of your catch for this trip was made. Maps with the numeric codes and the associated latitudes and longitudes are on the following page. **Do not use** state codes or Loran coordinates.

Do not include fractions of pounds.

Do not enter the number of fish, only enter the weight in pounds.

Do not enter a number in both gutted and whole column for a species unless you actually sold fish in both forms.

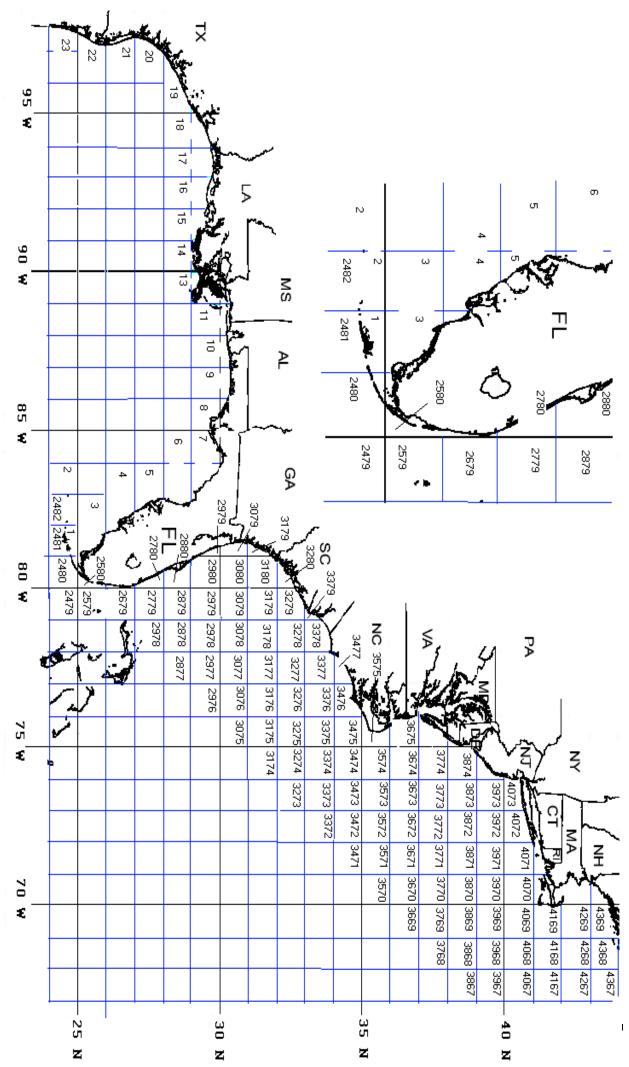
You must enter a gear and area for each species reported.

The following instructions are for **NO-FISHING** forms:

If a permitted vessel did **NOT** fish during a calendar month, a **NO-FISHING** form must be completed. NO-FISHING forms are in the **BACK** of the logbook, behind the trip forms. Please note the following:

A separate form must be completed for each month no fishing occurred. Put a check by each permit for the fishery(ies) that no fishing occurred. Do not submit more than one form for each month, multiple fisheries can be reported on one form. Do not check fisheries for which you do NOT have a permit.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response for fishing forms and 2 minutes to submit a no-fishing response including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this burden to Robert Sadler, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702. This reporting is required under and is authorized under 50 CFR 622.5(a)(1)(v). Information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. This data will be used to monitor the quota for this fishery.



Area Map:

South Atlantic Statistical Grid Map – Grid Numbers follow lines of longitude and latitude. The first two digits in the four digit grid numbers are the degrees of latitude, the second two digits are the degrees of longitude.

Gulf of Mexico Statistical Grid Map – Use the grid number of the area you fished. Note that gulf grid numbers do not follow lines of longitude and latitude.

Florida Close-up - The close-up grid map of south Florida show the 4 digit codes for the South Atlantic Region and the 1 digit code for the Gulf of Mexico Region.

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Please print all requested information clearly. A form with incomplete or unclear information cannot be entered into the database and will be returned. This missing form may cause you to be out of compliance and your permit renewal denied.

The following instructions are for fishing forms:

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VESSEL SECTION - Fill in each information block on each log as described below:

Captain's Signature - The person responsible for the operation of the vessel during the trip must sign the form to verify all information.

Vessel ID. Number - Enter the official US Coast Guard documentation number or state registration number for the vessel as it appears on the permit application.

Vessel Name - Enter the vessel name as it appears on the permit application.

Trip ticket number - Please include the trip ticket number from your state sales receipt (FL,GA,NC,LA).

Phone Number - Include a phone number where you can be reached.

Start Date - Enter the numerical date (month, day and year) when the vessel departed for the trip.

Unload Date - Enter the numerical date (month, day and year) when the catch was unloaded at a dealer. If the catch was unloaded at more than one dealer, enter the date when the catch was unloaded at the **first** dealer.

Days At Sea - Enter the number of days spent away from port. Include traveling time to and from fishing area. Count any fraction of a day as a whole day. If you left in the morning and returned any time before midnight, you would enter '1'.

Number Of Crew - Enter the total number of people that fished during the trip. The captain is to be included in the number of crew.

County and State of Unloading - Enter the name of the county and the state where the fish from the trip were unloaded. Do not use code numbers.

Dealer Number – enter the state dealer number, if known.

Dealer Name - Enter the complete name of the seafood dealer to whom you sold your catch. If the catch was unloaded at more than one dealer, enter the name of either the dealer where the **majority** of the catch was sold, or in the case of equal sales, the <u>first</u> dealer where the catch was sold. If you kept the catch, write in PERSONAL USE. If there was no catch, please write in NO CATCH.

GEAR SECTION - Check the box in the header of each type of gear used: traps, longline, trolling, line, hook & line/bandit, diving, or other gear. Fill in ALL information blocks under each gear type you used.

Traps - This category includes fish traps or fish pots. This category does not include lobster or crab traps.

Traps Used - Enter the total numbers of traps that were used.

Hauls - Enter the total number of hauls made. For example, if you used 10 traps and pulled each trap 3 times, enter 30 trap hauls. Include hauls with no catch.

Soak Time - Enter the total time in HOURS that the traps were in the water for the trip. For example, if you hauled 30 traps and each trap was in the water for 4 hours, then soak time would be 120 hours.

Mesh - Mesh size refers to the size of the openings in the material that covers the trap. Enter the mesh size in inches (a mesh size of 1 in. x 2 in. should be entered as 1x2, a mesh size of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. should be entered as 1.5x1.5).

In the catch section, enter a **T** in the column labeled 'Gear' next to each species where trap gear was used.

Longline - This gear refers to mid-water or bottom longline.

of Sets Made - Enter the number of times that this gear was set.

of Hooks/Line - Enter the average number of hooks used per line.

Line Length (miles) - Enter the average length in miles of the line used.

Total Soak Time (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that this gear was used. For example, if you made 4 sets and each set was 2 hours, then total time fished would be 8 hours.

In the catch section, enter **L** in the column labeled 'Gear' by species where trap gear was used. **Gill Nets** - This gear is for runaround gill nets, etc.

Length - Enter the length of the net in yards.

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Depth - Enter the depth of the net in yards.

Mesh - Enter the size of the net opening in **inches**. The size should be measured as the distance between two diagonal knots when the mesh is stretched fully closed.

Total Soak Time (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that this gear was used. For example, if you made 4 sets and each set was 2 hours, then total time fished would be 8 hours. For strike and run-around nets with soak times less then 1 hour please report 1.

In the catch section, enter **GN** in column labeled 'Gear' by species where gill nets were used. **Rod & Reel Handline** - This gear includes rod & reel and handlines. This gear type is associated with fishing when the boat is **not moving** under its own power, but stationary (or drifting) over a fishing location.

of Lines - Enter the number of lines used.

of Hooks/Line - Enter the average number of hooks per line.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that the gear was in the water fishing. In the catch section, enter an **H** in the column labeled 'Gear' next to each species where handlines were used.

Electric Reel / Bandit - This gear includes bandits and electric reels. This gear type is associated with fishing when the boat is **not moving** under its own power, but stationary (or drifting) over a fishing location.

of Lines - Enter the number of lines used.

of Hooks/Line - Enter the average number of hooks per line.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that gear was in the water fishing. In the catch section, enter an **E** in the column labeled 'Gear' next to each species where handlines were used.

Trolling Lines - These are lines that are used from a boat that is moving under its own engine power with the lines in the water trailing the boat.

of Lines - Enter the number of lines used.

of Hooks/Line - Enter the average number of hooks used per line.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that gear was in the water fishing. In the catch section, enter a **TR** in the column labeled 'Gear' next to each species where trolling lines were used.

Diving - This includes speargun, gigs, powerhead, bangstick and hand caught while diving.

Type of Gear - Enter a **P** for gear with explosive devices (i.e., powerheads or bangsticks). Enter an **S** for gear without explosive devices (i.e., spearguns, gigs, or by hand).

Divers - Enter the total number of divers that were in the water.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours that the divers were in the water.

In the catch section, enter an **S** or **P** in the column labeled 'Gear' next to each species taken by divers.

Other Gear - This gear includes cast net, lobster pots, stone crab pots and any other type of gear.

Please do not record bandits, electric reels, or rod & reels here (See Handline instructions).

Type of gear - Enter the name of the gear.

Total Time Fished (hrs) - Enter the total time in hours this gear was used.

CATCH SECTION - Catch is defined as the pounds of fish that were caught and sold. Space is provided at the bottom of the log for species not listed.

Gutted Column - Enter the amount of catch in pounds for each species sold in gutted form in this column.

Whole Column - Enter the amount of catch in pounds for each species sold in whole form in this column.

Gear Column - Enter gear code (T, L, GN, H, E, TR, S, P, or O) for the type of gear that caught the species in the 'Gear' column. Gear codes are in the parentheses next to the type of gear in the GEAR SECTION.

Area Column - Enter the numeric code for the fishing area where the majority of your catch for this trip was made. Maps with the numeric codes and the associated latitudes and longitudes are on the following page. **Do not use** state codes or Loran coordinates.

Price Column – Enter price per pound received for fish reported in the Gutted or Whole columns.

Do not include fractions of pounds.

Do not enter the number of fish, only enter the weight in pounds.

Do not enter a number in both gutted and whole column for a species unless you actually sold fish in both forms.

You must enter a gear, area and price for each species reported.

Do not report the total amount received for your fish.

TRIP EXPENSE AND PAYMENT SECTION - Fill in the information blocks on each log as described below:

Gallons of Fuel Used This Trip - Estimate gallons of fuel actually used during this trip.

Price Per Gallon - Enter price per gallon paid for fuel when you last refueled.

Trip Fuel Cost - Enter total cost of fuel used during trip.

Pounds of Frozen or Dead Bait Used – Please enter the approximate pounds of frozen or dead bait actually used on this trip. (Report total pounds of bait purchased only if the unused portion of the box cannot remain frozen for use on another trip.) **Enter zero** if you did not use frozen or dead bait

Number of Live Bait Used – Please enter the number of bait fish used. (Report total number of live bait purchased only if unused bait cannot be saved for another trip.) **Enter zero** if you did not use live bait.

Trip Bait Cost - Enter total cost of bait (frozen, dead and live bait) used on this trip. **Enter zero** if there was no cost for bait.

Ice Pounds Used - Estimate pounds of ice used on this trip, including both purchased ice and ice from your own icemaker. **Enter zero** if you did not use ice on this trip.

Trip Ice Cost - Enter total cost of ice purchased for this trip. **Enter zero** if there was no cost for ice.

Other Trip Expenses - Record the sum of other trip-related expenditures, such as packing fees, groceries, oil and other lubricants, gas for dive tanks, and other costs that you usually incur each trip. Please do not include costs that may occur infrequently during the year, such as lost anchors and chains, lost tackle or gear, new gear purchases, major repairs to hull or engine, and so forth. Enter zero if there were no trip expenses other than fuel, bait and ice.

Owner on Board - Check **YES** if the boat's owner worked as captain or crew member on this trip. Check **NO** if the owner was not on board.

Wages paid to Captain and Crew - Record total labor payments to captain and crew. This amount can be calculated as total trip revenue minus boat share and trip costs. Please do not enter the amount of revenues earned from the sale of your catch. Enter zero if there were no labor payments to captain and crew. As owner-operator, you may pay yourself a captain's and/or crew share as payment for your labor on each trip, as well as a boat share to cover fixed and other ownership costs. If so, please add your labor payment as captain to your other crew payments, enter the amount in the boxes for "Labor Costs for Captain and Crew", and check "Yes" in the next question labeled "Do payments include owner's salary." However, you may not pay yourself on a regular trip by trip basis. If both boat and captain's shares remain in your business account and you pay yourself a salary at irregular intervals as needed, then please

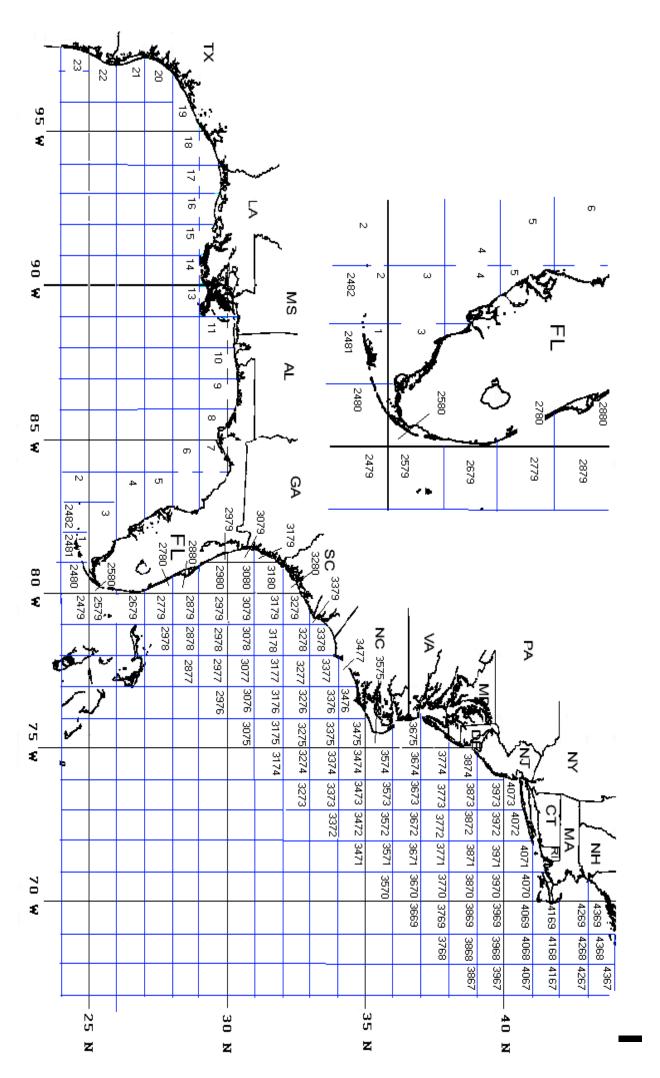
include only your cash payments to crew members in the boxes labeled "Labor Costs for Captain and Crew" and check "No" in the next question labeled "Do payments include owner's salary." **Do Payments Include Captain's Share -** Check **YES** if the entry for "Labor Costs for Captain and Crew" includes a payment for labor by the owner as captain or crew member on this trip. Check **NO** if the owner's share for labor was not included.

The following instructions are for No Fishing forms:

If a permitted vessel did **NOT** fish during a calendar month, a **NO-FISHING** form must be completed. NO-FISHING forms are in the **BACK** of the logbook, behind the trip forms. Please note the following:

A separate form must be completed for each month no fishing occurred. Put a check by each permit for the fishery(ies) that no fishing occurred. Do not submit more than one form for each month, multiple fisheries can be reported on one form. Do not check fisheries for which you do NOT have a permit.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response for fishing forms and 2 minutes to submit a no-fishing response including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this burden to Robert Sadler, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702. This reporting is required under and is authorized under 50 CFR 622.5(a)(1)(v). Information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. These data will be used to monitor quotas in this fishery. Data about prices, trip expenses and labor payments will be used to evaluate the economic effects of proposed regulations in the fishery.



Area Map:

<u>South Atlantic Statistical Grid Map</u> – Grid Numbers follow lines of longitude and latitude. The first two digits in the four digit grid numbers are latitude degrees and the second two digits are longitude degrees.

<u>Gulf of Mexico Statistical Grid Map</u> – Use the grid number of the area you fished. Note that gulf grid numbers do not follow lines of longitude and latitude.

<u>Florida Close-up</u> (See Inset) - The close-up grid map of south Florida shows the 4 digit codes for the South Atlantic Region and the 1 digit code in the Gulf of Mexico Region.

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ANNUAL FISHING EXPENDITURES

Please read these instructions carefully

This form is to report annual expenditures for boats with south Atlantic snapper-grouper, king and Spanish mackerel or shark permits that have been selected to report economic information about their commercial fishing operations. Your boat was selected as part of a 20% sample, by primary gear used and state of landing. These data will be used to evaluate the economic effects of proposed regulations in the fishery.

All forms must be submitted no later than April 30, and should report expenditures for the previous calendar year. Reporting burden may be minimized if you refer to expense records that you have organized for tax purposes. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail the completed forms to:

National Marine Fisheries Service Logbook Program P.O. Box 491500 Key Biscayne, Florida 33149-9916

Please print all requested information clearly. A form with incomplete or unclear information cannot be entered into the database and will be returned for clarification. Our goal is to make the database as accurate as possible so that management decisions will not be based on erroneous information about the economic effects of regulations. Also, missing forms may cause you to be out of compliance and your permit renewal denied. If you have any questions, please contact the Logbook Program at (305) 361-4581.

INSTRUCTIONS: All expenditures should be annual totals for the calendar year.

- 1. **Types of fishing**: Please check as many boxes as apply.
- 2. **Tackle and supply expenses**: Please enter total expenditures for tackle and other supplies, including hooks, line, weights, swivels, spoons, and so forth.
- 3. **Repair and maintenance expenses**: Please enter total expenditures for repair and maintenance of boat, gear, electronics, and safety equipment. Do not include purchases of new equipment to replace rather than repair items.
- 4. **Does this include haulouts**: Please indicate if repair and maintenance expenses reported in question 4 includes the cost of a major haulout.
- 5. **Purchases of gear and capital**: Please enter total expenditures for purchases of new gear (excluding terminal tackle), electronics, engines, safety equipment, and modifications to boat that upgrade hull design, gross tonnage or seaworthiness.

- 6. **Boat dockage/rent and utility expenses**: Please enter total expenditures for dock space and utilities.
- 7. **Insurance**: Please enter total expenditures for hull, property and indemnity insurance for this boat.
- 8. **Does this include hull insurance**: Please check if insurance expenses reported in question 7 include hull coverage.
- 9. **Does this include P&I insurance**: Please check if insurance expenses reported in question 7 includes property and indemnity coverage.
- 10. **Commercial fishing licenses and permits**: Please enter total expenditures for state and Federal commercial fishing licenses and permits.
- 11. **Boat loan and business loan payments**: Please enter total payments for boat loans and the portion of business loans that pertain to this boat. Include payments for principal and interest.
- 12. **Business taxes**: Please enter total of property and income taxes that pertain to this boat.
- 13. **Office expenses**: Please enter total office-related expenditures that pertain to this boat, including rent, accounting, legal, telephone, and so forth. If you have more than one boat or more than one business that share office expenses, please report only the share that pertains to this boat. If your boats or businesses are incorporated separately, report office expenses in the same way as on your tax forms. Otherwise, you may divide office expenses equally among the number of boats that you operate.
- 14. **Car and truck expenses**: Please enter total vehicle-related expenditures that pertain to this boat including repair and maintenance, loan/lease payments, etc. If you have more than one boat or more than one business that share vehicle expenses, please report only the share that pertains to this boat.
- 15. **Other annual and one-time-only expenditures**: Please enter other annual or one-time-only expenditures related to the operation of your fishing business, such as business travel expenses, health insurance, relocation expenses, and so forth.
- 16. **Number of days this vessel was used for commercial fishing and chartering**: Please enter the total number of days during the calendar year that this boat was used for commercial fishing, chartering, and other commercial activities such as harbor excursions. This information will be used to help calculate an average cost per day of owning and operating your boat.

17. **Vessel's annual gross revenues from commercial fishing and chartering**: Please enter the annual gross revenues for commercial and charter fishing as reported on your tax reports. Please do not include income from other non-fishing related activities such as harbor excursions, dinner cruises, and so forth.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this burden to Robert Sadler, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702. This reporting is required under and is authorized under 50 CFR 622.5(a)(1)(v). Information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. These data will be used to evaluate the economic effects of proposed regulations in the fishery.

2002 ANNUAL EXPENDITURES

Boat Registration or Vessel Documentation Number:			
ANNUAL FISHING EXPENDITURES (Please report expenses to the nearest de	ollar)		
1. Types of fishing in 2002: Bottom Fishing Trolling	Chartering	Othe	r
2. Tackle and Supply Expenses for all fishing	\$		0 0
(including hooks, line, clips, weights, and other supplies)	\$		0 0
 Repair and Maintenance Expenses (include hull, engine, gear, electronics, safety equipment, etc.) 	Ψ		0 0
4. Does this include haulouts? YES NO			
5. Purchases of Gear & Capital	\$		0 0
(include gear, engine, electronics, safety equipment, anchors, etc.)			
6. Boat Dockage/Rent and Utility Expenses	\$		0 0
7. Insurance: Hull and P&I	\$		0 0
8. Does this include hull insurance? YES NO 9. Does this include P&I insurance? YES NO			
10. Commercial Fishing Licenses & Permits	\$		0 0
11. Boat Loan & Business Loan Payments	\$		0 0
(or share of business loan payments associated with this vessel)			
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12. Business taxes paid by vessel (include property and income taxes)	\$		0 0
13. Office Expenses (rent, accounting, legal, utilities, etc.)	\$	-	0 0
14. Car and Truck Expenses	\$		0 0
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15. Other annual or one-time-only expenditures paid by vessel	\$		0 0
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16. Number of days this vessel was used for commercial fishing and charte	ering:		DAYS
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCARD LOGBOOK TRIP REPORT

GULF OF MEXICO REEF FISH SOUTH ATLANTIC SNAPPER-GROUPER KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL SHARK

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THIS REPORT IS MANDATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGING THE FISHERIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 ET. SEQ.). FAILURE TO REPORT MAY RESULT IN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATION PENALTIES NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.

NAME OF VESSEL	:
PERMIT NUMBER	:

(REV. 9-01)

NOAA FORM 88-186 OMB NO. 0648-0016 Expires: 9/30/2006

2002 SUPPLEMENTAL DISCARD REPORT FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Please read instructions carefully

This form is to be used to report the number of fish discarded. Please complete the form as thoroughly as possible and include it with the logbook form for the corresponding trip.

All forms must be submitted no later than seven (7) days after the completion of each trip (the date of landing). Completed forms are to be mailed to:

National Marine Fisheries Service Logbook Program P.O. Box 491500 Key Biscayne, Florida 33149-9916

If you have any questions, please contact the Logbook Program at (305) 361-4581.

Please print all requested information clearly. A form with incomplete or unclear information cannot be entered into the database and will be returned. This missing form may cause you to be out of compliance and your permit renewal denied.

Please enter the same vessel id. number and start date that are on the corresponding logbook form.

You must fill out a separate form for EACH fishing trip made. DO NOT report multiple trips on one form. All information for one fishing trip should be entered on one form. There are two sections for each form. The **Vessel Section** is to help us link this discard report with the logbook trip report form (OMB#00648-0016). The **Discard Section** is to be used to record your interactions with species which are not sold.

If no discards were encountered on a trip please write **NONE** on the form

Vessel Section - Fill in each information block on each log as described below:

Captain's Signature - The person responsible for the operation of the vessel during the trip must sign the form to verify all information.

Phone Number - Include a phone number where you can be reached.

Vessel ID. Number - Enter the official US Coast Guard documentation number or state registration number for the vessel as it appears on the permit application.

Vessel Name - Enter the vessel name as it appears on the permit application.

Start Date - Enter the date that the vessel left the dock for this trip (this should be the same state date as reported on the logbook form).

Number of discards - Report the numbers of each species of animals discarded on this trip.

Species name - Print the name of the fish, marine mammal or turtle that was discarded or the gear interacted with.

Number - Report the estimated number of animals for each species encountered (caught with hooks, tangled in lines/nets, etc.). in this column.

Discard code - Enter the following codes for the condition of the discards:

- 1 **DEAD ALL** discards were dead (floating on the surface).
- 2 **DEAD SOME** the majority of the discards were dead.
- 3 ALIVE ALL discards were alive, appeared to swim when returned.
- 4 ALIVE SOME the majority of the discards were alive.
- 5- **Kept** but not sold (eaten, or used as bait buy crew).
- 6 unable to determine.

Reason - Enter the following codes for the Reason of the discards:

- A **REGULATIONS** animals that would have been sold however local or federal regulations forbid it (sizes, seasons, protected species).
- B MARKET CONDITIONS animals that have no market value (rotten, damaged).

Area - Enter the numeric code for the area where the discarded species were caught. Refer to the maps inside the cover of the logbook for the correct code.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this burden to Robert Sadler, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702. This reporting is required under and is authorized under 50 CFR 622.5(a). Information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. This data will be used to monitor the quota for this fishery.

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RECORD DISCARDED CATCH ONLY - RECORD THE NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS AND CONDITION OF TURTLES, MAMMALS, BIRDS, AND FISH NOT SOLD.											
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMIN. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

FISHING VESSEL LOGBOOK RECORD

WRECKFISH FISHERY

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THIS REPORT IS MANDATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGING THE FISHERIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 ET. SEQ.). FAILURE TO REPORT MAY RESULT IN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATION PENALTIES NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.

NAME	OF	VESSEL		
PERMI	[T]	NUMBER		

NOAA Form 88 - 186 (Rev. 12/91)

OMB No. 0648-0016 Expires: 12/31/2006

WRECKFISH LOGBOOK - TRIP REPORT FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

Please clearly print all requested information for each form.

Use a separate form for **EACH TRIP**.

Completed forms must be submitted to the following address:

LINDA HARDY Southeast Fisheries Science Center Beaufort Laboratory 101 Pivers Island Beaufort, North Carolina 28516-9722

The logbooks are to be submitted seven (7) days following the completion of each fishing trip.

The following instructions refer to the similarly labelled entries on the Logbook -- Trip Report Form:

Captain's Signature - The person responsible for the operation of the vessel on this trip must verify the contents of the form by signing it.

Phone No. - Please include a telephone number where you can be reached in the event there are questions regarding the information provided on the logbook form.

Schedule No. - Do no enter anything in this space, for NMFS use only.

No FISHING was done -

If the vessel did not fish during a complete calendar month, a form must be submitted that provides this information. Enter the month and last two digits of the year.

Federal Permit Number - Leave this space blank.

Vessel Name - Enter the vessel name as it appears on the permit application.

Vessel Number - Enter the official U.S. Coast Guard documentation number or the state registration number for the vessel as it was entered on the application for your wreckfish permit.

Dealer Name - Enter the name of the company to whom you sold your catch. Please use the complete name of the business. Do not enter anything under Code.

Port of Landing - Enter the name of the port. Do not enter
anything under Code.

State of Landing - Enter the two letter abbreviation for the state where the fish from this trip were unloaded. Do not enter anything under **Code**.

Date of Departure - Record the date (month, day and year) when you left for this fishing trip.

Date of Landing - Record the date (month, day and year) when you returned from this fishing trip.

Did you purchase additional wreckfish coupons - The National Marine Fisheries Service wants to know whether additional coupons, that is more coupons than your original annual allocation, were purchased for catches of wreckfish on this trip. If additional coupons were purchased, circle the letter "Y". If no coupons were purchased, circle the letter "N".

Total NUMBER of coupons purchased, by type - If you did purchase coupons, enter the amount of 100 pound and 500 pound coupons in the appropriate spaces.

Total dollar AMOUNT paid for all coupons - Enter the total dollar amount that you paid to purchase these coupons.

G E A R U S E D - Indicate the type of gear, by circling the appropriate letter (either A, B), that was used on this trip, and provide the requested information on the quantity and time of fishing:

Hook & Line (Bandit Gear)

- No. of Lines Fished Record the number of lines that the vessel was equipped with and were fished on this trip.
- Av. No. of Hooks per Line Record the average number of hooks for each of the lines that were fished on this trip.
- **Total Hrs. Fished** Estimate the total time, in hours, that the gear was in the water fishing. Note, this is not to be an

estimate of the time at sea, only the time that the gear was actively being fished.

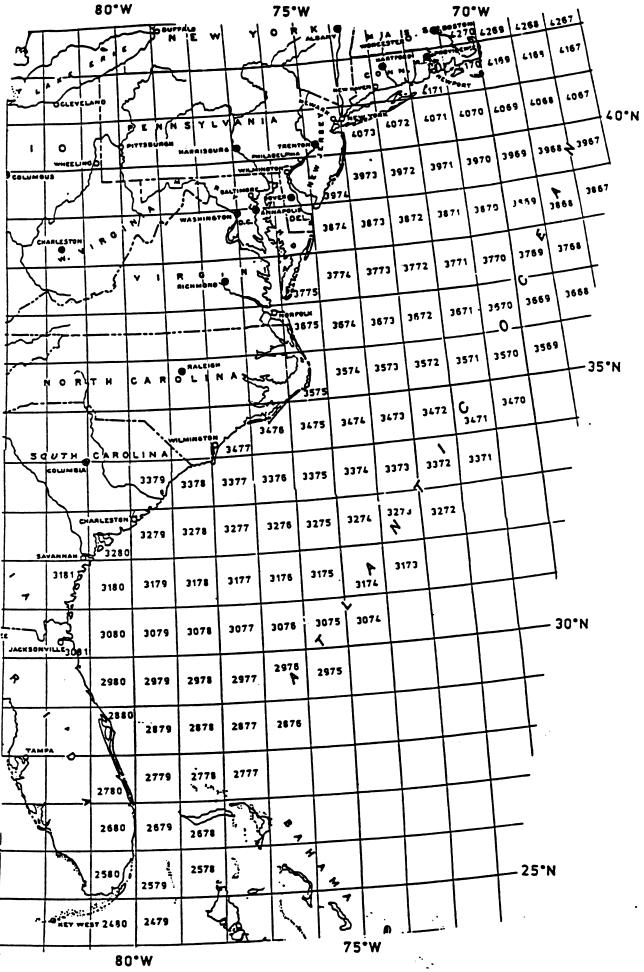
Trolling Gear

- **No. of Lines Fished** Record the number of lines that the vessel was equipped with and were fished on this trip.
- Av. No. of Hooks per Line Record the average number of hooks on each of the lines that were fished on this trip.
- **Total Hrs. Fished** Estimate the total time, in hours, that the gear was in the water fishing. Note, this is not to be an estimate of the time at sea, only the time that the gear was actively being fished.

Catch - For the remainder of the form record the amount of catch in NUMBER of fish, the appropriate weights in pounds WHOLE or pounds GUTTED (do not include fractions of pounds) of wreckfish. If other species were caught, please record pounds and number in the appropriate spaces corresponding to the identified species. If the species name is not listed, write it in the spaces labelled "other". Also, record the type of GEAR USED that was used to catch each type of fish by entering an A or B, which corresponds to the gear designation that was circled. Note, if both types of gear were used, circle and enter both letters. Record the AREA where the fishing occurred by entering the 4-digit code for the fishing area as designated on the map enclosed in the logbook. Record the approximate Depth in feet for the fishing trip.

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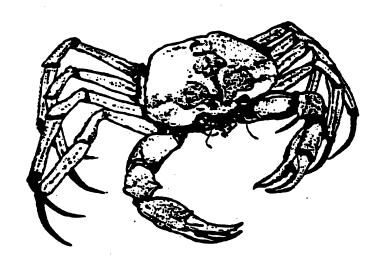
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COLDEN CRAB

TRIP REPORT LOGBOOK

United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service



OMB Number 0648-0016

Expires: 12/31/2006

GOLDEN CRAB TRIP LOGBOOK REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Federal regulations, 50 CFR 622.5 (a), require that all vessels with a golden crab permit must complete and return a logbook for every fishing trip where golden crab are caught. Completed forms are to be returned within 30 days of the completion of the trip to the following address:

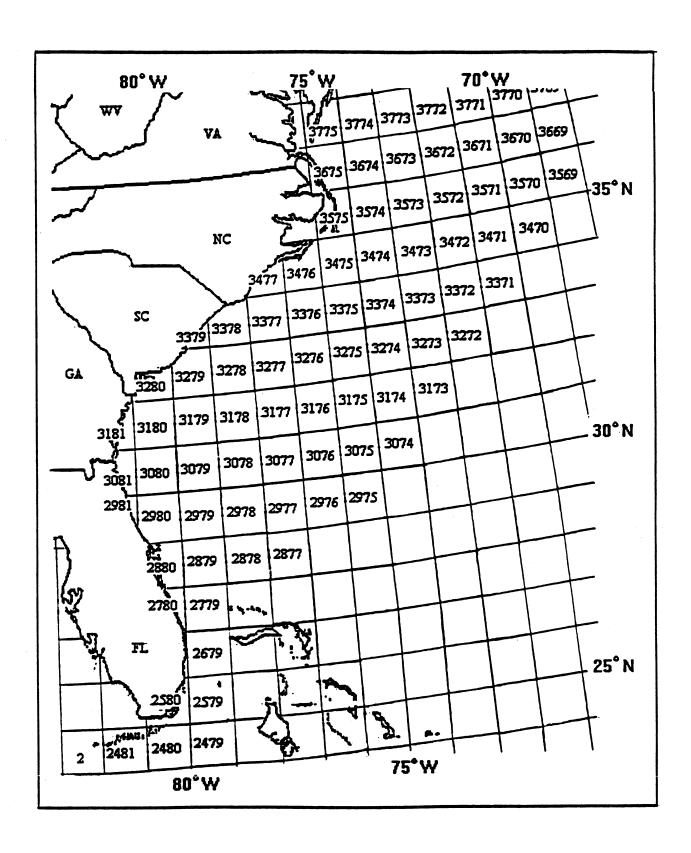
National Marine Fisheries Service Attn: GOLDEN CRAB PROGRAM P.O. Box 491500 Key Biscayne, Florida 33149-9916

Pre-addressed, postage-paid envelopes are provided for your convenience. When additional forms or envelopes are needed drop a note in with one of your trip reports stating what you need, your name, address and your vessel ID number. If you have any questions, please contact the Logbook Program at:

Logbook Program: 305/361-4581

The following are brief instructions for each entry on the logbook form. Please fill out a separate form for each trip. Please print clearly.

- **Vessel Name** Enter the vessel name.
- Vessel Id Number Enter the official US Coast Guard documentation number or state registration number for the vessel.
- Captain's Signature Person responsible for the operation of the vessel during the trip.
- Start Date of Trip Enter the month, day and year you departed port.
- End Date of Trip Enter the month, day and year you returned to port.
- No Trips Made If no trips were made for an entire month, enter the month and the year. Stop at this point on the form.
- Dealer/Company Name Enter the complete name of the seafood dealer(s) to whom you sold your catch. Do not use code numbers.



South Atlantic Statistical Grid Map - Grid numbers follow lines of longitude and latitude. The first two digits in the four digit grid numbers are the degrees of latitude, while the second two digits are the degrees of longitude.

- Catch Weight Enter estimated pounds of crab that were caught.
- Incidental Catch Please provide the string number, the name of the species, the weight kept and discarded.

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- County and State of Unloading Enter county name and state where the catch was unloaded. Do not use code numbers.
- Type and Size of Traps Used To get a clear picture of the types of traps used in the fishery, the following coding system is provided which will simplify entry of trap types on the form. Each trap type used should be coded by placing a check next to each category that best matches your trap.

SHAPE:	MATERIAL:	VOLUME:
R) Rectangular or Square	A) wood	1) under 10 cubic feet
C) Conical	B) wire	2) 10 - 25 cubic feet
O) Other (Please describe or diagram on back of the log sheet)	C) plastic	3) 26 - 40 cubic feet
diagram on back of the log sheet)	D) mesh	4) 41 - 64 cubic feet

In the **Type and Size of Trap Used** section write in order the letter or number next to your check marks. For example: if rectangular shaped traps, made of wire with a volume of 28 cubic feet were used you would enter "R B 3"; or, if square, plastic traps with a volume under 10 feet were used you would enter "R C 1".

Catch Section: Please provide information for each string on a separate row.

- String # Enter the number of the string.
- Type of Trap Use corresponding letter code as explained above.
- Mainline C/R Place a C for cable (wire) mainlines or R for rope mainlines.
- # of Traps Enter number of traps used on the string line.
- Date Enter the month and day that the string of traps were pulled.
- Area Enter the grid number off the grid map found at the front of this logbook.
- Depth Enter your best estimate of the average depth in FEET at which the traps were set.
- Soak Time Enter the average time in hours that your traps were left in the water between hauls.

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FISHING VESSEL RECORD

COLOMBIAN TREATY WATERS LOGBOOK

Catch Report Form

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THIS REPORT IS MANDATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGING THE FISHERIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAGNUSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 ET SEQ.). FAILURE TO REPORT MAY RESULT IN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.

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INSTRUCTIONS

CATCH REPORT FORM - COLOMBIAN TREATY WATERS

Print clearly all information

Use a separate log sheet for each entry into each area fished (Quito Sueno, Roncador, Serrana).

Each vessel of the U.S. must report its catch and effort on each trip into treaty waters. Mail completed forms so as to be received not later than <u>7 days</u> after the end of each fishing trip to:

National Marine Fisheries Service Regulations & Permits Branch 9721 Executive Center Drive N. St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Vessel Name - Enter the vessel name as it appears on the permit.

Official No. - Enter the U.S. Coast Guard documentation number of the vessel or the state registration number, if the vessel is not documented.

Area Fished - Check only one on each form submitted.

Date entered/departed area - Enter appropriate dates for each fishing trip into the area checked.

Gear - Check one or more boxes to indicate the fishing gear or method employed in the area checked during the period covered by the report. For each gear/method checked, (1) indicate the percentage of the total catch during the period covered by the report that was taken by each gear and (2) complete the effort data as follows:

Traps:

- No. Traps Fished Total number of traps used during the period covered by the report.
- No. Trap Hauls The total number of hauls made during the period covered by the report, including hauls with no catch. Ten traps each pulled 3 times would equal 30 hauls.
- Av. Soak Time Between Hauls The average time in house the traps were in the water between hauls.
- Mesh Sizes Record the mesh sizes in inches. For example, 1x2 for rectangular meshes 1'' by 2''; 1.5x1.5 for rectangular meshes $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$; or 1.5 x hex for hexagonal meshes $1\frac{1}{2}''$ on each side.

Longline:

- No. Sets Made Total number of times a longline was set during the period covered by the report.
- Av. No. Hooks per Set The average number of hooks on the longline.
- Av. Line Length per Set The average length of the line in feet.
- Av. Time Sets Fished The average time in hours the longlines were in the water from start of set to start of pickup.

Hook & Line (includes bandit gear, rod and reel and hand line)

- No. Lines Fished Total number of lines used during the period covered by the report.
- Av. No. Hooks per Line The average number of hooks on each line.
- Total Hours Fished Total time in hours this gear was used during the period covered by the report.

Diving:

- No. Divers Total number of divers used during the period covered by the report.
- Total No. Days Diving The number of days during the period that diving was conducted.
- Man-hours Worked per Day For the days worked, the average number of man-hours spent diving. For example, 5 divers who average 6 hours diving per day would yield 30 man-hours worked/day.
- Check if Targeted Indicate the primary species harvested by diving.

Catch - Record the catch in pounds of each species during the period covered by the report. For lobster and conch, record the weight in the appropriate column either as whole or cleaned weight.

Operator's Signature - The operator is the master or other individual on board and in charge of the vesset. Type or print the name below the signature and indicate the date signed.

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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE SOUTHEAST FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER BEAUFORT LABORATORY

HEADBOAT SURVEY

<u>Instructions</u> for completion of the headboat survey trip report

Filling out the catch record is not difficult. Most of the information is easily understandable from the form. The following is a brief explanation of the information that is to be provided in each blank

Lines 1 - 5: Each line should be complete. In the first line, enter the name of the **vessel**, the **date** of departure, the **departure time**, and the **arrival time**. Enter the **license number** of the captain operating the vessel. The **location** of the trip should be reported from the map that is provided. Write in the degrees of latitude and degrees of longitude and the alpha and numeric codes for corresponding 10 minute squares. Enter the **number of anglers** taken on the headboat trip, and the **number of anglers who fished**, even if the same as the number of anglers taken. The columns labeled **Full Day**, **Night**, 3/4 **day**, **overnight**, ½ **day and other** are the trip types. Use the table below to determine which type of trip and check () the appropriate line.

TRIP TYPES

Please calculate the hours for all trips from when you leave the dock until you return to the dock.

Full day	10 - 12 hours		Night	4 -	6 hours
3/4 day	7 - 9 hours		Overnig	ght	12 hours
½ day 4 -	6 hours	Other	Writ	e in	number of hours

Below **distance from shore**, check the appropriate box. **Pay type** is the method of payment used by the majority of anglers. Check the appropriate box.

FISH SPECIES Section: Record only one number and one weight in whole pounds for each type of fish kept. Please do not write in "lbs" or "#". Record the number of fish released alive, and the number of fish released dead. Include any fish used for bait in the released dead column. Spaces have been provided at the bottom of the form for species not listed.

Signature: This helps the port agent if he or she must ask any follow-up questions about a particular entry.

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HEADBOAT SURVEY TRIP REPORT (Carolinas - NE Florida) Exp Date: 12/31/2003

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AQUACULTURED LIVE ROCK LOG REPORT

A person with an aquacultured live rock permit must report each deposition of material on a site. A person who takes aquacultured live-rock that is landed other than in Florida must submit a report of harvest. These reports must be submitted to the address below not later than 7 days after deposition or harvest.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Type or print legibly in ink. Incomplete or unreadable reports will be returned.
- 2. A person with an aquacultured live rock permit must report to the Regional Director each deposition of material on a site. Reports must be postmarked not later than 7 days after deposition and must contain the following information: (1) permit number of site and date of deposit; (2) geological origin of material deposited; (3) amount of material deposited; (4) source of material deposited, that is, where obtained, if removed from another habitat, or from whom purchased.
- A person who takes aquacultured live rock that is landed in Florida, must submit Florida trip tickets as required by Florida statutes and regulations.
- 4. A person who takes aquacultured live rock that is landed other than in Florida, must submit a report of harvest to the Regional Director.
- 5. Questions may be telephoned to (813) 570-5326.
- 6. Mail the completed report to:

National Marine Fisheries Service 9721 Executive Center Drive N., F/SEO11 St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

- Rocks deposited on the aquaculture site must be geologically or otherwise distinguishable from the naturally occurring substrate or they
 must be indelibly marked or tagged.
- 8. All rocks must be placed on the site by hand, or lowered completely to the bottom by crane. Deposited materials shall not be allowed to "free fail" to the bottom, and all deposition shall occur while the vessel is "at anchor". Rocks may not be placed over naturally occurring reef outcrops, limestone ledges, coral reefs, or vegetated areas. A minimum setback of 50 feet must be maintained from naturally vegetated or hard bottom habitats. The actual configurations and locations of the deposited materials and the distance from existing naturally occurring hard bottom habitat and submerged aquatic vegetation shall be clearly depicted.
- All materials used in aquaculture operations must be nontoxic and all deposited rocks must be free of contaminants and non-indigenous flora and/or fauna.
- Harvest of aquacultured live rock shall be by hand only; no mechanical dredging, drilling, blasting, etc. is authorized under this general permit.

REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Enter name of permit holder,

address and permit number of site.

- 2. <u>DEPOSIT INFORMATION:</u> Enter source name, source address, geological origin, deposit date, pounds deposited and size.
- 3. <u>HARVEST INFORMATION:</u> Enter dealer name, dealer address, dealer Federal ID number, landing date, pounds harvested, unit price and dollar value.
- 4. The report must be signed by the preparer.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this burden to Robert Sadler, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702. This reporting is required under and is authorized under 50 CFR 622.5(d)(2). Information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. This data will be used to monitor the quota for this fishery.

the moratorium established by paragraph (r) of this section necessitates that a separate charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish also be established effective December 26, 2002 and that the former charter vessel/headboat permit for coastal migratory pelagic fish (applicable in both the Gulf and South Atlantic) be voided effective as of that same date. The newly required charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish is not subject to the provisions of the moratorium in paragraphs through (11) of this section.

(ii) Application for and issuance of an initial charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish—(A) Owner of a vessel with a valid charter vessel/headboat permit for coastal migratory pelagic fish. On or about June 28, 2002, the RA, based on NMFS' permit records, will mail an application for an initial charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish to each owner of a vessel with a valid charter vessel/ headboat permit for coastal migratory pelagic fish. Any such owner who desires an initial charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish must submit the completed application to the RA. To avoid any lapse in authorization to fish for coastal migratory species in the South Atlantic EEZ (i.e., valid permit status), such owners must submit the completed application to the RA postmarked or hand-delivered not later than September 26, 2002. For completed applications received by that deadline, the RA will issue the permit no later than December 16, 2002. Applications will be accepted at any time, but if received after the deadline, the permit may not be issued prior to the date that the permit is first required (i.e., December 26, 2002). These special procedures apply only to the application and issuance of the initial permit; subsequent permitting activities will be conducted in accordance with the standard permitting procedures as specified in § 622.4(b) through (1).

(B) Owner or operator of a vessel without a valid charter vessel/headboat permit for coastal migratory pelagic fish. An owner or operator of a vessel who desires a charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish and who does not have a valid charter vessel/headboat permit for coastal migratory pelagic fish must obtain a permit application from the RA. For additional permitting procedures, see §622.4(b) through (l)of this part.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 67 FR 51078, Aug. 7, 2002, §622.4 was amended by adding paragraph (a)(2)(xi), effective Dec. 5, 2002. For the convenience of the user, the added text follows:

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(xi) Gulf shrimp. For a person aboard a vessel to fish for shrimp in the Gulf EEZ or possess shrimp in or from the Gulf EEZ, a valid commercial vessel permit for Gulf shrimp must have been issued to the vessel and must be on board.

§622.5 Recordkeeping and reporting.

Participants in fisheries governed in this part are required to keep records and report as follows.

(a) Commercial vessel owners and operators—(1) Requirements by species—(i) Coastal migratory pelagic fish. The owner or operator of a vessel that fishes for or lands coastal migratory pelagic fish for sale in or from the Gulf, Mid-Atlantic, or South Atlantic EEZ or adjoining state waters, or whose vessel is issued a commercial permit for king or Spanish mackerel, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(iii) or (iv), who is selected to report by the SRD, must maintain a fishing record on a form available from the SRD and must submit such record as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(ii) Gulf reef fish. The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for Gulf reef fish has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(v),

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or whose vessel fishes for or lands reef fish in or from state waters adjoining the Gulf EEZ, who is selected to report by the SRD must maintain a fishing record on a form available from the SRD and must submit such record as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(A) Fish traps. In addition to the other reporting requirements in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section, the owner or operator of a vessel for which a fish trap endorsement has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(i), must comply with the following requirements.

(1) Inspection. The RA will establish a 1-month period for mandatory inspection of all fish trap gear, permits, and vessels. The RA will provide written notification of the inspection period to each owner of a vessel for which a fish trap endorsement has been issued as required under §622.4(a)(2)(i). Each such owner or operator must contact the Special Agent-in-Charge, NMFS, Office of Enforcement, Southeast Region, St. Petersburg, FL (SAC) or his designee by telephone (727-570-5344) to schedule an inspection during the 1-month period. Requests for inspection must be made between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the desired inspection date. Inspections will be conducted Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. only. On the inspection date, the owner or operator must make all fish trap gear with attached trap tags and buoys and all applicable permits available for inspection on land. Vessels must also be made available for inspection as directed by the SAC or his designee. Upon completion of the inspection and a determination that all fish trap gear, permits, and vessels are in compliance, an owner or operator may resume fishing with the lawful gear. However, an owner or operator who fails to comply with the inspection requirements during the 1-month inspection period or during any other random inspection may not use or possess a fish trap in the Gulf EEZ until the required inspection or reinspection, as directed by the SAC, has been completed and all fish trap gear, permits, and vessels are determined to be in compliance with all applicable regulations.

(2) Trip reports. For each fishing trip on which a fish trap will be used or possessed, an owner or operator of a vessel for which a fish trap endorsement has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(i), must submit a trip initiation report and a trip termination report to the SAC or his designee, by telephone, using the following 24-hour toll-free number—800–305–0697.

(i) Trip initiation report. The trip initiation report must be submitted before beginning the trip and must include: vessel name; official number; number of traps to be deployed; sequence of trap tag numbers; date, time, and point of departure; and intended time and date of trip termination.

(ii) Trip termination report. The trip termination report must be submitted immediately upon returning to port and prior to any offloading of catch or fish traps. The trip termination report must include: vessel name; official number; name and address of dealer where catch will be offloaded and sold; the time offloading will begin; notification of any lost traps; and notification of any traps left deployed for any reason.

(B) [Reserved]

(iii) Gulf shrimp. The owner or operator of a vessel that fishes for shrimp in the Gulf EEZ or in adjoining state waters, or that lands shrimp in an adjoining state, must provide information for any fishing trip, as requested by the SRD, including, but not limited to, vessel identification, gear, effort, amount of shrimp caught by species, shrimp condition (heads on/heads off), fishing areas and depths, and person to whom sold.

(iv) South Atlantic snapper-grouper. (A) The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(vi), or whose vessel fishes for or lands South Atlantic snapper-grouper in or from state waters adjoining the South Atlantic EEZ, who is selected to report by the SRD must maintain a fishing record on a form available from the SRD and must submit such record as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

- (B) The wreckfish shareholder under §622.15, or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for wreckfish has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(vii), must maintain a fishing record on a form available from the SRD and must submit such record as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.
- (C) The wreckfish shareholder under §622.15, or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for wreckfish has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(vii), must make available to an authorized officer upon request all records of offloadings, purchases, or sales of wreckfish.
- (v) South Atlantic golden crab. The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for golden crab has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(x), who is selected to report by the SRD must maintain a fishing record on a form available from the SRD.
- (2) Reporting deadlines. (i) Completed fishing records required by paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii), and (iv) of this section must be submitted to the SRD postmarked not later than 7 days after the end of each fishing trip. If no fishing occurred during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted on one of the forms postmarked not later than 7 days after the end of that month. Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.
- (ii) Reporting forms required in paragraph (a)(1)(v) of this section must be submitted to the SRD postmarked not later than 30 days after sale of the golden crab offloaded from a trip. If no fishing occurred during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted on one of the forms postmarked not later than 7 days after the end of that month. Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.
- (b) Charter vessel/headboat owners and operators—(1) Coastal migratory pelagic fish, reef fish, and snapper-grouper.) The owner or operator of a vessel for which a charter vessel/headboat permit for coastal migratory pelagic fish, Gulf reef fish, or South Atlantic snapper-grouper has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(1), or whose vessel

- fishes for or lands such coastal migratory pelagic fish, reef fish, or snapper-grouper in or from state waters adjoining the Gulf or South Atlantic EEZ, who is selected to report by the SRD must maintain a fishing record for each trip, or a portion of such trips as specified by the SRD, on forms provided by the SRD and must submit such record as specified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.
- (2) Reporting deadlines—(i) Charter vessels. Completed fishing records required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section for charter vessels must be submitted to the SRD weekly, postmarked not later than 7 days after the end of each week (Sunday). Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.
- (ii) Headboats. Completed fishing records required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section for headboats must be submitted to the SRD monthly and must either be made available to an authorized statistical reporting agent or be postmarked not later than 7 days after the end of each month. Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.
- (c) Dealers—(1) Coastal migratory pelagic fish. (i) A person who purchases coastal migratory pelagic fish from a fishing vessel, or person, that fishes for or lands such fish in or from the EEZ or adjoining state waters who is selected to report by the SRD must submit information on forms provided by the SRD. This information must be submitted to the SRD at monthly intervals, postmarked not later than 5 days after the end of each month. Reporting frequency and reporting deadlines may be modified upon notification by the SRD. If no coastal migratory pelagic fish were received during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted on one of the forms, in accordance with the instructions on the form, and must be postmarked not later than 5 days after the end of the month. The information to be reported is as follows:
- (A) Dealer's or processor's name and address.
- (B) County where fish were landed.
- (C) Total poundage of each species received during that month, or other requested interval.

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- (D) Average monthly price paid for each species.
- (E) Proportion of total poundage landed by each gear type.
- (ii) Alternate SRD. For the purposes of paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section, in the states from New York through Virginia, or in the waters off those states, "SRD" means the Science and Research Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS (see Table 1 of §600.502 of this chapter), or a designee.
- (2) Gulf red drum. A dealers or processor who purchases red drum harvested from the Gulf who is selected to report by the SRD must report to the SRD such information as the SRD may request and in the form and manner as the SRD may require. The information required to be submitted must include, but is not limited to, the following:
- (i) Dealer's or processor's name and address.
- (ii) State and county where red drum were landed.
- (iii) Total poundage of red drum received during the reporting period, by each type of gear used for harvest.
- (3) Gulf reef fish. A person who purchases Gulf reef fish from a fishing vessel, or person, that fishes for or lands such fish in or from the EEZ or adjoining state waters must maintain records and submit information as follows:
- (i) A dealer must maintain at his/her principal place of business a record of Gulf reef fish that he/she receives. The record must contain the name of each fishing vessel from which reef fish were received and the date, species, and quantity of each receipt. A dealer must retain such record for at least 1 year after receipt date and must provide such record for inspection upon the request of an authorized officer or the SRD.
- (ii) When requested by the SRD, a dealer must provide information from his/her record of Gulf reef fish received the total poundage of each species received during the month, average monthly price paid for each species by market size, and proportion of total poundage landed by each gear type. This information must be provided on forms available from the SRD and must be submitted to the SRD at monthly intervals, postmarked not later than 5 days after the end of the

- month. Reporting frequency and reporting deadlines may be modified upon notification by the SRD. If no reef fish were received during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted on one of the forms, postmarked not later than 5 days after the end of the month.
- (iii) The operator of a car or truck that is used to pick up from a fishing vessel reef fish harvested from the Gulf must maintain a record containing the name of each fishing vessel from which reef fish on the car or truck have been received. The vehicle operator must provide such record for inspection upon the request of an authorized officer.
- (4) Gulf shrimp. A person who purchases shrimp from a vessel, or person, that fishes for shrimp in the Gulf EEZ or in adjoining state waters, or that lands shrimp in an adjoining state, must provide the following information when requested by the SRD:
- (i) Name and official number of the vessel from which shrimp were received or the name of the person from whom shrimp were received, if received from other than a vessel.
- (ii) Amount of shrimp received by species and size category for each receipt.
- (iii) Exvessel value, by species and size category, for each receipt.
- (5) South Atlantic snapper-grouper. (i) A person who purchases South Atlantic snapper-grouper that were harvested from the EEZ or from adjoining state waters and who is selected to report by the SRD and a dealer who has been issued a dealer permit for wreckfish, as required under §622.4(a)(4), must provide information on receipts of South Atlantic snapper-grouper and prices paid, by species, on forms available from the SRD. The required information must be submitted to the SRD at monthly intervals, postmarked not later than 5 days after the end of the month. Reporting frequency and reporting deadlines may be modified upon notification by the SRD. If no South Atlantic snapper-grouper were received during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted on one of the forms, postmarked not later than 5 days after the end of the month. However, during complete months encompassed by the wreckfish spawning-

season closure (that is, February and March), a wreckfish dealer is not required to submit a report stating that no wreckfish were received.

- (ii) A dealer reporting South Atlantic snapper-grouper other than wreckfish may submit the information required in paragraph (c)(5)(i) of this section via facsimile (fax).
- (iii) A dealer who has been issued a dealer permit for wreckfish, as required under §622.4(a)(4), must make available to an authorized officer upon request all records of offloadings, purchases, or sales of wreckfish.
- (6) South Atlantic golden crab. A dealer who receives from a fishing vessel golden crab harvested from the South Atlantic EEZ and who is selected by the SRD must provide information on receipts of, and prices paid for, South Atlantic golden crab to the SRD at monthly intervals, postmarked not later than 5 days after the end of each month. Reporting frequency and reporting deadlines may be modified upon notification by the SRD.
- (7) South Atlantic rock shrimp. (i) A dealer who has been issued a permit for rock shrimp, as required under §622.4(a)(4), and who is selected by the SRD must provide information on receipts of rock shrimp and prices paid on forms available from the SRD. The required information must be submitted to the SRD at monthly intervals postmarked not later than 5 days after the end of each month. Reporting frequencies and reporting deadlines may be modified upon notification by the SRD.
- (ii) On demand, a dealer who has been issued a dealer permit for rock shrimp, as required under §622.4(a)(4), must make available to an authorized officer all records of offloadings, purchases, or sales of rock shrimp.
- (d) Individuals with coral or live rock permits. (1) An individual with a Federal allowable octocoral permit must submit a report of harvest to the SRD. Specific reporting requirements will be provided with the permit.
- (2) A person with a Federal aquacultured live rock permit must report to the RA each deposition of material on a site. Such reports must be postmarked not later than 7 days after

deposition and must contain the following information:

- (i) Permit number of site and date of deposit.
- (ii) Geological origin of material deposited.
 - (iii) Amount of material deposited.
- (iv) Source of material deposited, that is, where obtained, if removed from another habitat, or from whom purchased.
- (3) A person who takes aquacultured live rock must submit a report of harvest to the RA. Specific reporting requirements will be provided with the permit. This reporting requirement is waived for aquacultured live rock that is landed in Florida.
- (e) Additional data and inspection. Additional data will be collected by authorized statistical reporting agents and by authorized officers. A person who fishes for or possesses species in or from the EEZ governed in this part is required to make the applicable fish or parts thereof available for inspection by the SRD or an authorized officer upon request.
- (f) Commercial vessel, charter vessel, and headboat inventory. The owner or operator of a commercial vessel, charter vessel, or headboat operating in a fishery governed in this part who is not selected to report by the SRD under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section must provide the following information when interviewed by the SRD:
- (1) Name and official number of vessel and permit number, if applicable.
 - (2) Length and tonnage.
 - (3) Current home port.
 - (4) Fishing areas.
- (5) Ports where fish were offloaded during the last year.
- (6) Type and quantity of gear.
- (7) Number of full- and part-time fishermen or crew members.

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(b) * * *

(1) Coastal migratory pelagic fish, reef fish, and snapper-grouper. The owner or operator of a vessel for which a charter vessel/ headboat permit for Gulf coastal migratory pelagic fish. South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish, Gulf reef fish, or South Atlantic snapper-grouper has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(1), or whose vessel fishes for or lands such coastal migratory pelagic fish, reef fish, or snapper-grouper in or from state waters adjoining the Gulf or South Atlantic EEZ, who is selected to report by the SRD must maintain a fishing record for each trip, or a portion of such trips as specified by the SRD, on forms provided by the SRD and must submit such record as specified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

§ 622.6 Vessel and gear identification.

- (a) Vessel identification—(1) Applicability—(1) Official number. A vessel for which a permit has been issued under §622.4, and a vessel that fishes for or possesses shrimp in the Gulf EEZ, must display its official number—
- (A) On the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull and, for vessels over 25 ft (7.6 m) long, on an appropriate weather deck, so as to be clearly visible from an enforcement vessel or aircraft.
- (B) In block arabic numerals permanently affixed to or painted on the vessel in contrasting color to the background.
- (C) At least 18 inches (45.7 cm) in height for vessels over 65 ft (19.8 m) long; at least 10 inches (25.4 cm) in height for vessels over 25 ft (7.6 m) long; and at least 3 inches (7.6 cm) in height for vessels 25 ft (7.6 m) long or less.
- (ii) Official number and color code. The following vessels must display their official number as specified in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section and, in addition, must display their assigned color code: A vessel for which a fish trap endorsement has been issued, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(i); a vessel for which a permit has been issued to fish with a sea bass pot, as required under §622.4(a)(2)(vi); a vessel in the commercial Caribbean reef fish fishery fishing with traps; and a vessel in the Caribbean spiny lobster fishery. Color codes

required for the Caribbean reef fish fishery and Caribbean spiny lobster fishery are assigned by Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands, whichever is applicable; color codes required in all other fisheries are assigned by the RA. The color code must be displayed—

- (A) On the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull and, for vessels over 25 ft (7.6 m) long, on an appropriate weather deck, so as to be clearly visible from an enforcement vessel or aircraft.
- (B) In the form of a circle permanently affixed to or painted on the vessel.
- (C) At least 18 inches (45.7 cm) in diameter for vessels over 65 ft (19.8 m) long; at least 10 inches (25.4 cm) in diameter for vessels over 25 ft (7.6 m) long; and at least 3 inches (7.6 cm) in diameter for vessels 25 ft (7.6 m) long or less
- (2) Duties of operator. The operator of a vessel specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section must keep the official number and the color code, if applicable, clearly legible and in good repair and must ensure that no part of the fishing vessel, its rigging, fishing gear, or any other material on board obstructs the view of the official number or the color code, if applicable, from an enforcement vessel or aircraft.
- (b) Gear identification—(1) Traps/pots and associated buoys—(i) Traps or pots—(A) Caribbean EEZ. A fish trap or spiny lobster trap used or possessed in the Caribbean EEZ must display the official number specified for the vessel by Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands so as to be easily identified.
- (B) Gulf and South Atlantic EEZ. A fish trap used or possessed in the Gulf EEZ and a sea bass pot used or possessed in the South Atlantic EEZ between 35°15.19' N. lat. (due east of Cape Hatteras Light, NC) and 28°35.1' N. lat. (due east of the NASA Vehicle Assembly Building, Cape Canaveral, FL), or a fish trap or sea bass pot on board a vessel with a commercial permit for Gulf reef fish or South Atlantic snappergrouper, must have a valid identification tag issued by the RA attached. A golden crab trap used or possessed in the South Atlantic EEZ or on board a vessel with a commercial permit for golden crab must have the commercial

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- (c) *Issuance*. (1) The Regional Administrator will request a certificate from the Republic of Colombia if:
 - (i) The application is complete.
- (ii) The applicant has complied with all applicable reporting requirements of §300.124 during the year immediately preceding the application.
- (2) Upon receipt of an incomplete application, or an application from a person who has not complied with all applicable reporting requirements of §300.124 during the year immediately preceding the application, the Regional Administrator will notify the applicant of the deficiency. If the applicant fails to correct the deficiency within 30 days of the Regional Administrator's notification, the application will be considered abandoned.
- (3) The Regional Administrator will issue a permit as soon as the certificate is received from the Republic of Colombia.
- (d) *Duration*. A certificate and permit are valid for the calendar year for which they are issued, unless the permit is revoked, suspended, or modified under subpart D of 15 CFR part 904.
- (e) Transfer. A certificate and permit issued under this section are not transferable or assignable. They are valid only for the fishing vessel and owner for which they are issued.
- (f) Display. A certificate and permit issued under this section must be carried aboard the fishing vessel while it is in treaty waters. The operator of a fishing vessel must present the certificate and permit for inspection upon request of an authorized officer or an enforcement officer of the Republic of Colombia.
- (g) Sanctions and denials. Procedures governing enforcement-related permit sanctions and denials are found at subpart D of 15 CFR part 904.
- (h) Alteration. A certificate or permit that is altered, erased, or mutilated is invalid.
- (i) Replacement. A replacement certificate or permit may be issued upon request. Such request must clearly state the reason for a replacement certificate or permit.
- (j) Change in application information. The owner of a vessel with a permit must notify the Regional Administrator within 30 days after any change

in the application information required by paragraph (b)(2) of this section. The permit is void if any change in the information is not reported within 30 days.

§ 300.124 Recordkeeping and reporting.

- (a) Arrival and departure reports. The operator of each vessel of the United States for which a certificate and permit have been issued under §300.123 must report by radio to the Port Captain, San Andres Island, voice radio call sign "Capitania de San Andres," the vessel's arrival in and departure from treaty waters. Radio reports must be made on 8222.0 kHz or 8276.5 kHz between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon, local time (1300–1700, Greenwich mean time) Monday through Friday.
- (b) Catch and effort reports. Each vessel of the United States must report its catch and effort on each trip into treaty waters to the Science and Research Director on a form available from the Science and Research Director. These forms must be submitted to the Science and Research Director so as to be received no later than 7 days after the end of each fishing trip.

§ 300.125 Vessel identification.

- (a) Official number. A vessel with a permit issued pursuant to §300.123, when in treaty waters, must display its official number on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull. and on an appropriate weather deck, so as to be clearly visible from an enforcement vessel or aircraft. The official number must be permanently affixed to or painted on the vessel and must be in block arabic numerals in contrasting color to the background at least 18 inches (45.7 cm) in height for fishing vessels over 65 ft (19.8 m) in length, and at least 10 inches (25.4 cm) in height for all other vessel.
- (b) *Duties of operator*. The operator of each fishing vessel must—
- (1) Keep the official number clearly legible and in good repair.
- (2) Ensure that no part of the fishing vessel, its rigging, fishing gear, or any other material aboard obstructs the view of the official number from an enforcement vessel or aircraft.

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- (a) **REQUIRED PROVISIONS**.--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, shall--
- (1) contain the conservation and management measures, applicable to foreign fishing and fishing by vessels of the United States, which are--
 - (A) necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery to prevent overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks, and to protect, restore, and promote the long-term health and stability of the fishery;
 - (B) described in this subsection or subsection (b), or both; and
 - (C) consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, regulations implementing recommendations by international organizations in which the United States participates (including but not limited to closed areas, quotas, and size limits), and any other applicable law;
- (2) contain a description of the fishery, including, but not limited to, the number of vessels involved, the type and quantity of fishing gear used, the species of fish involved and their location, the cost likely to be incurred in management, actual and potential revenues from the fishery, any recreational interest in the fishery, and the nature and extent of foreign fishing and Indian treaty fishing rights, if any;
- (3) assess and specify the present and probable future condition of, and the maximum sustainable yield and optimum yield from, the fishery, and include a summary of the information utilized in making such specification;
 - (4) assess and specify--
 - (A) the capacity and the extent to which fishing vessels of the United States, on an annual basis, will harvest the optimum yield specified under paragraph (3),
 - (B) the portion of such optimum yield which, on an annual basis, will not be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States and can be made available for foreign fishing, and
 - (C) the capacity and extent to which United States fish processors, on an annual basis, will process that portion of such optimum yield that will be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States;

- (5) specify the pertinent data which shall be submitted to the Secretary with respect to commercial, recreational, and charter fishing in the fishery, including, but not limited to, information regarding the type and quantity of fishing gear used, catch by species in numbers of fish or weight thereof, areas in which fishing was engaged in, time of fishing, number of hauls, and the estimated processing capacity of, and the actual processing capacity utilized by, United States fish processors;
- (6) consider and provide for temporary adjustments, after consultation with the Coast Guard and persons utilizing the fishery, regarding access to the fishery for vessels otherwise prevented from harvesting because of weather or other ocean conditions affecting the safe conduct of the fishery; except that the adjustment shall not adversely affect conservation efforts in other fisheries or discriminate among participants in the affected fishery;
- (7) describe and identify essential fish habitat for the fishery based on the guidelines established by the Secretary under section 305(b)(1)(A), minimize to the extent practicable adverse effects on such habitat caused by fishing, and identify other actions to encourage the conservation and enhancement of such habitat;
- (8) in the case of a fishery management plan that, after January 1, 1991, is submitted to the Secretary for review under section 304(a) (including any plan for which an amendment is submitted to the Secretary for such review) or is prepared by the Secretary, assess and specify the nature and extent of scientific data which is needed for effective implementation of the plan;
- (9) include a fishery impact statement for the plan or amendment (in the case of a plan or amendment thereto submitted to or prepared by the Secretary after October 1, 1990) which shall assess, specify, and describe the likely effects, if any, of the conservation and management measures on--
 - (A) participants in the fisheries and fishing communities affected by the plan or amendment; and
 - (B) participants in the fisheries conducted in adjacent areas under the authority of another Council, after consultation with such Council and representatives of those participants;
- (10) specify objective and measurable criteria for identifying when the fishery to which the plan applies is overfished (with an analysis of how the criteria were determined and the relationship of the criteria to the reproductive potential of stocks of fish in that fishery) and, in the case of a fishery which the Council or the Secretary has determined is approaching an overfished condition or is overfished, contain conservation and management measures to prevent overfishing or end overfishing and rebuild the fishery;
- (11) establish a standardized reporting methodology to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable and in the following priority--
 - (A) minimize bycatch; and
 - (B) minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided;

- (12) assess the type and amount of fish caught and released alive during recreational fishing under catch and release fishery management programs and the mortality of such fish, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable, minimize mortality and ensure the extended survival of such fish;
- (13) include a description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery and, to the extent practicable, quantify trends in landings of the managed fishery resource by the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors; and
- (14) to the extent that rebuilding plans or other conservation and management measures which reduce the overall harvest in a fishery are necessary, allocate any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors in the fishery.

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- **(b) DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS.**--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, may--
- (1) require a permit to be obtained from, and fees to be paid to, the Secretary, with respect to--
 - (A) any fishing vessel of the United States fishing, or wishing to fish, in the exclusive economic zone [or special areas,]* or for anadromous species or Continental Shelf fishery resources beyond such zone [or areas]*;
 - (B) the operator of any such vessel; or
 - (C) any United States fish processor who first receives fish that are subject to the plan;
- (2) designate zones where, and periods when, fishing shall be limited, or shall not be permitted, or shall be permitted only by specified types of fishing vessels or with specified types and quantities of fishing gear;
- (3) establish specified limitations which are necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery on the--
 - (A) catch of fish (based on area, species, size, number, weight, sex, bycatch, total biomass, or other factors);
 - (B) sale of fish caught during commercial, recreational, or charter fishing, consistent with any applicable Federal and State safety and quality requirements; and
 - (C) transshipment or transportation of fish or fish products under permits issued pursuant to section 204;
- (4) prohibit, limit, condition, or require the use of specified types and quantities of fishing gear, fishing vessels, or equipment for such vessels, including devices which may be required to facilitate enforcement of the provisions of this Act;

- (5) incorporate (consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, and any other applicable law) the relevant fishery conservation and management measures of the coastal States nearest to the fishery;
- (6) establish a limited access system for the fishery in order to achieve optimum yield if, in developing such system, the Council and the Secretary take into account--
 - (A) present participation in the fishery,
 - (B) historical fishing practices in, and dependence on, the fishery,
 - (C) the economics of the fishery,
 - (D) the capability of fishing vessels used in the fishery to engage in other fisheries,
 - (E) the cultural and social framework relevant to the fishery and any affected fishing communities, and
 - (F) any other relevant considerations;
- (7) require fish processors who first receive fish that are subject to the plan to submit data (other than economic data) which are necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery;
- (8) require that one or more observers be carried on board a vessel of the United States engaged in fishing for species that are subject to the plan, for the purpose of collecting data necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery; except that such a vessel shall not be required to carry an observer on board if the facilities of the vessel for the quartering of an observer, or for carrying out observer functions, are so inadequate or unsafe that the health or safety of the observer or the safe operation of the vessel would be jeopardized;
- (9) assess and specify the effect which the conservation and management measures of the plan will have on the stocks of naturally spawning anadromous fish in the region;
- (10) include, consistent with the other provisions of this Act, conservation and management measures that provide harvest incentives for participants within each gear group to employ fishing practices that result in lower levels of bycatch or in lower levels of the mortality of bycatch;
- (11) reserve a portion of the allowable biological catch of the fishery for use in scientific research; and
- (12) prescribe such other measures, requirements, or conditions and restrictions as are determined to be necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery.

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- **(c) PROPOSED REGULATIONS.**--Proposed regulations which the Council deems necessary or appropriate for the purposes of--
- (1) implementing a fishery management plan or plan amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary simultaneously with the plan or amendment under section 304; and
- (2) making modifications to regulations implementing a fishery management plan or plan amendment may be submitted to the Secretary at any time after the plan or amendment is approved under section 304.

notifications prior to trips or other specified actions. Coupons are required in the wreckfish fishery to track Individual Transferable Quotas.

NOAA needs information from the applications for the identification of fishing vessels and dealers and the management of the fisheries. Use of permits also aids in enforcement of fishery regulations.

II. Method of Collection

Notifications are made by telephone. Applications and other documentation must be submitted in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0205. *Form Number*: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Business or other forprofit organizations, individual or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes for a vessel permit or an aquacultured live rock site permit; 2 hours for additional moratorium permit application documentation in the reef fish/coastal migratory pelagic charter fisheries; 5 minutes for a dealer permit; 2 hours for a stone crab permit appeal; 45 minutes for an aquacultured live rock site evaluation form; 15 minutes for a notification/authorization for trap retrieval; 5 minutes for other notifications; 5 minutes for a coupons for tracking an Individual Transferable Quota in the wreckfish fishery; 5 hours for a permit appeal in the reef fish and coastal migratory pelagic moratorium fisheries; and 5 hours for a commercial vessel permit documentation in the stone crab fishery.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15,434.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,222,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 17, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061803G]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Southeast Region Logbook Family of Forms

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to John Poffenberger at 305–361–4263, ext. 263, or at John.Poffenberger@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Participants in most Federally-managed fisheries in the Southeast Region are currently required to keep and submit catch and effort logbooks from their fishing trips. A subset of these vessels also provide information on the species and quantities of fish, shellfish, marine turtles, and marine mammals that are caught and discarded or have interacted with the vessel's fishing gear. Participants in the Atlantic

snapper-grouper and mackerel fisheries are required to submit information about dockside prices, trip operating costs, and annual fixed costs.

The data are used for scientific analyses that support critical conservation and management decisions made by national and international fishery management organizations. Interaction reports are needed for fishery management planning and to help protect endangered species and marine mammals. Price and cost data will be used in analyses of the economic effects of proposed regulations.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted on paper forms. Logbooks are completed daily and submitted on either a by trip or monthly basis, depending on the fishery. Fixed costs are submitted on an annual basis. Other information is submitted on a trip basis.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0016.
Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business or other forprofit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,925.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes for a catch and effort report for the Columbian waters fishery; 10 minutes for logbook trip reports in other fisheries; 2 minutes for a negative catch and effort or logbook trip report; 12 minutes for a headboat logbook in the Gulf of Mexico reef fish and coastal migratory pelagic fisheries and the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery; 15 minutes for an aquacultured live rock logbook report; 10 minutes for a trip operating cost survey in the snappergrouper and mackerel fisheries; 30 minutes for an annual fixed-cost economic surveys in the same fisheries; 10 minutes for cost data in the swordfish fishery; and 15 minutes for a discard and marine mammal/bird/sea turtle interaction report from the 20% sample of fishermen selected.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,086.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 17, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061803H]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Economic Data for U.S. Commercial Fisheries

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Rita Curtis, Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway, 112752, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301–713–2328).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Economic data for selected U.S. commercial fisheries will be collected for each of the following groups of operations: (1) processors, including onshore plants, mothership vessels, and at-sea catcher/processor vessels; (2) catcher vessels; and (3) charter vessels. Companies associated with these groups will be surveyed for expenditure, earnings, and employment data; and for basic demographic data on fishing and processing crews.

In general, questions will be asked concerning ex-vessel and wholesale prices and revenue, variable and fixed costs, expenditures, dependence on the fisheries, and fishery employment. The data collection efforts will be coordinated to reduce the additional burden for those who participate in multiple fisheries. Participation in these data collections will be voluntary.

The data will be used for the following three purposes: (1) to monitor the economic performance of these fisheries through primary processing; (2) to analyze the economic performance effects of current management measures; and (3) to analyze the economic performance effects of alternative management measures. The measures of economic performance to be supported by this data collection program include the following: (1) contribution to net national benefit; (2) contribution to income of groups of participants in the fisheries (i.e., fishermen, vessel owners, processing plant employees, and processing plant owners); (3) employment; (4) regional economic impacts (income and employment); and (5) factor utilizations rates. As required by law, the confidentiality of the data will be protected.

A two-prong approach to data collection will be adopted. In the majority of fisheries, data collections will focus each year on a different component of the U.S. commercial fisheries, with only limited data collected in previously-surveyed components of these fisheries. The latter will be done to update the models that will be used to track economic performance and to evaluate the economic effects of alternative management actions. This cycle of data collection will result in economic performance data being available and updated for all the components of the U.S. commercial fisheries identified above.

In a limited number of fisheries, the approach adopted will result in an ongoing economic data collection program. Economic data collection programs will only be initiated in a)

high-profile fisheries with significant seasonal variation; and b) fisheries with an existing data collection program to which economic questions can be appended. Examples of the latter include appending trip-specific economic questions to observer and logbook programs survey vehicles. The number of questions asked under an economic data collection program will be far more limited than those asked in a one-time survey, which have estimated average response times of approximately 10 minutes and two hours, respectively.

Contingent upon OMB approval of this proposed data collection, voluntary surveys currently being conducted under "Economic Performance Data for the West Coast (California-Alaska) Commercial Fisheries" (OMB Number 0648–0369) will be covered under this national umbrella.

II. Method of Collection

Data will be collected from a sample of the owners and operators of catcher vessels, catcher/processors, on-shore processing plants, motherships, and charter vessels that participate in these fisheries. In the majority of fisheries, data collection will involve mailing questionnaires to the selected members of each of the different survey groups. In many cases, individuals may receive the questionnaire in advance to allow them to prepare their response but may be interviewed to ensure the clarity of their responses. In those fisheries in which economic questions are appended to an existing program, respondents will be requested to return the completed form along with their regular submission, as appropriate. To the extent practicable, the data collected will consist of data that the respondents maintain for their own business purposes. Therefore, the collection burden will consist principally of transcribing data from their internal records to the survey instrument and participating in personal interviews. In addition, current data reporting requirements will be evaluated to determine if they can be modified to provide improved economic data at a lower cost to the Agency and with reduced burden on potential respondents. Similarly, it will be determined if some of these data can be collected more effectively and efficiently from the firms that provide bookkeeping and accounting services to potential respondents. This data collection method would be used only after obtaining permission to do so from participants in the fisheries.